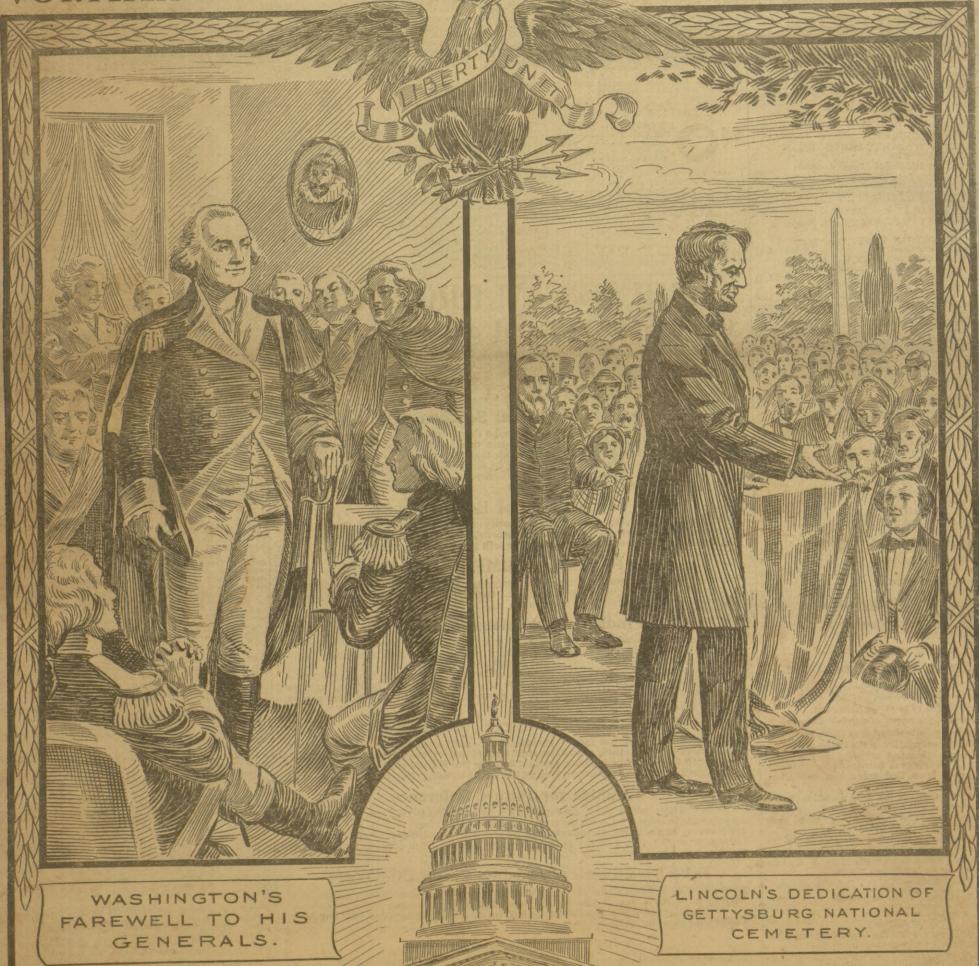


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Washington's eyes were moist with tears and his voice trembled with emotion as he shook the hands of his Generals, and bid them farewell on December 4, 1783, after peace with liberty had been won. "That government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth," are the closing words of Lincoln's famous dedication address. See pages 3 and 6.

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Crumbs of Comfort

Facts are God's arguments. Our content is our best having. There is always profit in politeness. Idleness is the burial of a living man. Borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry. Virtue by calculation is the virtue of vice. Some grasp the skirts of happy chance And breast the blows of circumstance.—Tennyson

Everyone is as God made him and often-times a great deal worse.

Everywhere in life the true question is not what we gain, but what we do. Both man and womankind belie their natures when they are not kind.

All men that are ruined are ruined on the side of their natural propensities.

We must find a weak spot or two in a character before we can love it much.

Time fleeth on,
Youth soon is gone,
Naught earthly may abide;
Life seemeth fast,
But may not last,
It runs as runs the tide,

Earthly pride is like the passing flower that springs to fall and blossoms but to die. Minds of moderate caliber ordinarily con-demn everything which is beyond their range

Who never doubted, never half believed. Where doubt is there truth is; it is her shadow.

Rugged strength and radiant beauty,
These were one in nature's plan;
Humble toil and heavenward duty,
These will form the perfect man.
—Sarah J. Hale.

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are and doing them as they should be done.

True bravery is shown by performing without witness what one might be capable of do-ing before all the world.

Little Prudy's Dotty Dimple

By Sophie May

SYNOPSIS OF PERCEDING CHAPTERS.

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SANCO, TEXAS.

EDITOR COMFORT, AUGUSTA, ME.:
Please find inclosed original poem, which I offer as a voluntary contribution to Comfort. I admire your views on the present political situation, and wish to contribute my mite to help along the cause of reform and right.

Very respectfully, L. SMITH BIRD.

Our Washington, beneath "Old Glory,"
'Mid want and cold, and battle gory,
And treason too,—you know the story,—
Wrought for us our liberty;
My easy-going friend;
Wake up, you old crust ocean oyster;
Fight the grafters to the bitter end;
Bow not to creed or cowl or cloister;
Unfurl "Old Glory," manfully extend, proudly hoist
her,
And shout aloud your steadfast aid to "Liberty."

The "Trust," grim monster, gaunt-rapacious! Can you teach him to be gracious? Trust not his promise, luring, specious, He'd buy you and your liberty! Behold poor labor, suf'ring, bleeding; The "worm" will turn, one day—go feeding On its foes, nor justice heeding—Then look you well to liberty.

Strange how freemen can be sleeping, With the chains about them creeping; Who should be vigilantly keeping A watch about their liberty; Rouse ye freemen, don your armor; Wake my country—O God, alarm her To meet the foes who seek to harm her, O, God, protect our liberty!

Prepare, my country, for the crisis;
Trust not to dastard compromises;
Eternal vigilance the price is,
Of our sacred liberty,
What did nations ever sigh for,
Our Lawrence and our Lincoln die for?
O. do not let our children cry for
The blessings of this liberty!

L. S.

cried Susy, skipping lightly over the paving-stones. "It's so queer you and mother should both talk so much alike."

THE WATER-KELPIE.

CHAPTER VIII.

THE WATER-KELPIE.

It was nearly time for vacation. As the children were to start on the next Monday for Willowbrook, their mother allowed them to spend their last Wednesday afternoon with their cousin Florence. It fell to Prudy's lot to dress her little sister.

"I'm ever so glad," said Dotty, "that the barber snipped off my kyurls. Don't you think I do look like a boy. now, Prudy? You may call me Tommy, if you want to; I'm willin'."

"There, now," she exclaimed, when her tollet was made, "say me my lesson; please to, Prudy."

"O. I forgot all about that," replied the little teacher, uneasily. "Susy 'll be done practicing in half an hour, and I thought I'd just have time to make my doll's boots,—mish them, I mean. Can't you wait fill Saturday, Dotty?"

"O, my suz, Prudy Parlin! When I get to be a great sister to you, I won't treat you so. I want to get my letters all smooth done today,—don't want to wait till Sat'day."

As any other time Prudy would have been graiffed to see Dotty show so much eagerness. "le kind to thy sister," hummed the gentle little teacher. "Yes, I will. I'm always glad alter I've been kind. Nothing makes me love Dotty so well as to try to please her!"

"Now," said she, calling her school to order, "you ve learned as far as S, which I think is doing finely, all alone, with nobody to help us. This next letter stands, you see, for a top. What is it we drink out of cups?"

"I don't get anything but milk, and that's in a mug." leplied Dotty in an injured tone.

"But what does mother drink? Now think."

Dotty eyed the letter sharply. "Why, mamma drinks coffee sometimes, and it has grounds; but they don't look like that thing, the grounds don't, why, that thing looks like a spade, with the teeth out, wrong side up."

"You mean a rake," laughed Prudy. "Well, dear, this is T."

When Dotty came to X, she declared it stood for your thumb. Susy said so, and it was in the music-book."

Now came an hour of triumph for the little ingthed to hear that her youngest daughter knew "C. a, t,

"C, a, t, cat, d, o, g, Zip," laughed Dotty, showing her deepest dimples, and frisking about the room.

"My dear little ones," said Mrs. Parlin, kissing both the children, "I am really very much gratified. Both teacher and pupil have shown a great deal of patience and perseverance."

These words from her beloved mother were most precious to Prudy. Dotty, though she did not know what was meant by patience and perseverance, presumed it was something fine and laughed and danced in great glee.

Nothing remarkable happened during the visit to Florence Eastman, except that Miss Dimple and Johnny were found running off the track of the upper railroad just one second after the engine started. Everybody was very much frightened when it was all safely over. But Dotty said:

"O. my sūz! Me an' Johnny has done that a hundred and a million times—hasn't we, Johnny? We wait till the lajin w'istles, then we run on to the platform—don't we, Johnny?"

It came out after a while, that these reckless children had also been in the habit of crossing pins on the track, to make "scissors," the weight of the cars pressing the two pins into a solid x. "I still tremble," said Mrs. Eastman, with daring little creature I ever saw, more harumscarum than ever Susy was."

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The next Monday Mrs. Parlin and the three children started for Willowbrook. Dotty wished to take her sweet Pusheen and her darling Zlp; but it was decided that Pusheen must stay at home, and help keep house.

"Be a good kitty," said her little mistress, embracing her, "and eat all the mice in the mouse-chamber. fore they grow up rats!"

But Zip was allowed to go to Willowbrook; and Dotty watched him all the way, scarcely allowing him to stir from the seat beside her. "No." said she, holding him firmly by both ears; "Dotty'd be glad to let you get down, but she doesn't think it's best. You is only a doggie, and u'd get runned over and die. So now, Zippy, you'll have to give up, and it's no use to bark."

But Zip, having the spirit of a dog, would hark.

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The whole party reached Willowbrook in safety, and had a joyful welcome.
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"O. Dotty, how can you think so," exclaimed Prudy, "when there's only one woman can be THAT!"

"Who's she?"

"Mother, of course?"

When Dotty was called to supper, she was found beside Pincher's green grave, telling her "brother Zip" the story of that dog's death, and trying to impress upon his mind the importance of keeping his paws out of fox-traps.

It was delightful to be at grandma Parlin's once more. The summer-house, the seat in the tree, and the swing, were all in their old places, and had been waiting a whole year for the children. A few things had been added; a hennery,—called by Dotty "a henneckery" and a graceful white boat, named the Water-Kelpic.

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Prue Metcalf, a Daughter of '76

And George Washington as a Matchmaker and Diplomat

By John T. Markham

clasping her in his arms right then and there, and assuring her of his honorable desire of sharing such sights and everything else he possessed with her.

However, he did not yield to his inclination, and the little beauty, feeling that she was not loval enough, replied prettily:

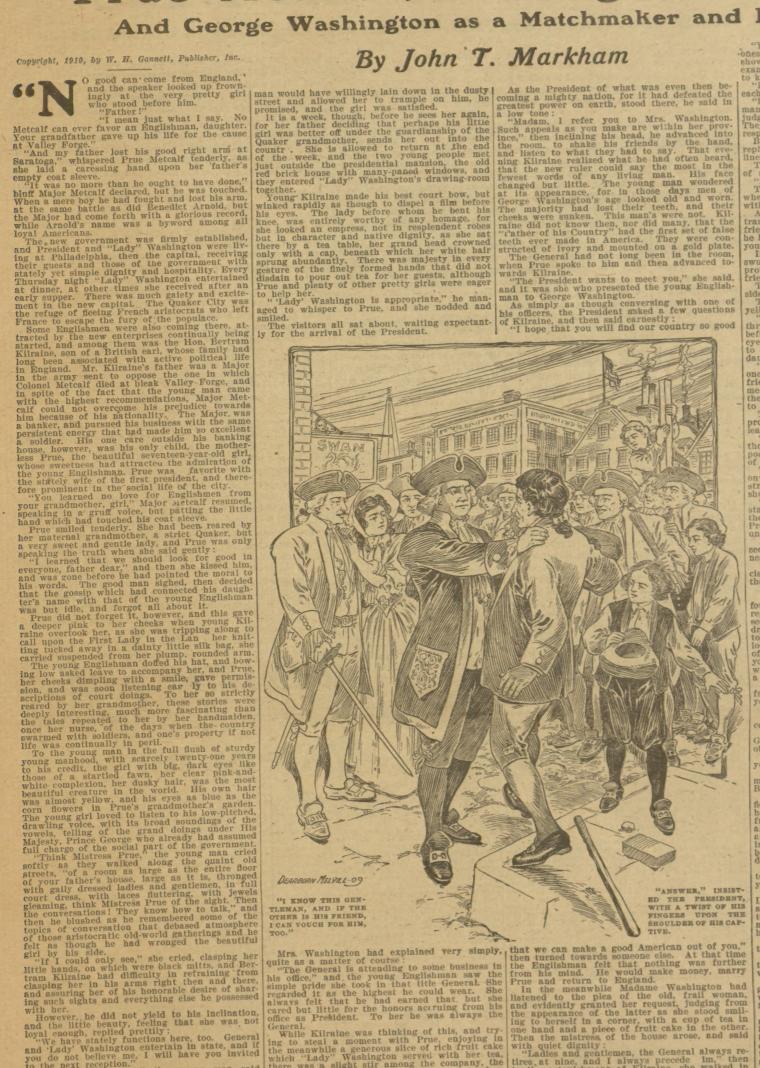
"We have stately functions here, too. General and 'Lady' Washington entertain in state, and if you do not believe me. I will have you invited to the next reception."

"Lady' Washington," the young man said with a smile. "Pray tell me why she is called that. I thought all titles had been banished from this new land."

"They are, except those bestowed in love. We all call her that because we low her," Prue explained, and Bertram Kilraine fit a little dizzy as he heard the word love fall from those distractingly pretty red lips.

As it was though, he retained enough self-possession to smile back at her. He had come to America to seek his fortunes because his father could find no promising opening for him in England, and his three elder brothers were anxious to get him out of the way. He was totally different from those pleasure-seeking men, being a quiet, modest young fellow, utterly refusing to enter the debauched circles to which the others are devoted their time and energies. To him the Society of Mohawks offered no pleasures and he was given a modest amount of money and sent to the new land to try to invest it profitably.

The young man had been bred in an entirely different atmosphere from the one he was now in, and he was naturally prejudiced against the man who had caused so much trouble to the British crown. Although he had been in the city for some months, and had participated largely in the social life there, he had hitherto kept out of the way of General Washington. He had formed his ideas of this great man from the prejudiced and mendacious caricatures in the English papers picturing him as a rough, half-civilized frontiersman thundering out commoners and overpowering by mere force of strength, while in fact washington was a



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Washington's Farewell to His Generals

On the fourth day of December, 1783, after the last armed foe had been driven from his beloved country, and peace with liberty had been established, Washington assembled his officers to bid them an affectionate farewell, which he delivered in the following words:

"With a heart full of love and grantude, I now take leave of you. I most devoutly wish that your latter days may be as prosperous and happy as your former ones have been glorious and honorable. I cannot come to each of you to take my leave, but shall be obliged if each of you will come and take me by the hand.

Tears dimmed his eyes, his voice trembled, and quite overcome with emotion he could say no more. Not less affected were his officers, as one after another of those battle-scarred heroes silently grasped his hand in this last parting.

"You come here to make fun of our honored show a royal couple with that if all Europe can show a royal couple with on these two, I want to know of the ways heard they are devoted to each other." Bertram admitted "Devoted, indeed yes. The President refers many things to her, for he appreciates her good indement; she defers, and if you people love and repect them," and she paused out of breath. Before Bertram could summon enough wit to reply, for he was lost in admiration of her lovelines, there was a scuffe in the attreet.

Turning they with the Frenchy!"

These mobs were not infrequent in those days, when many of the people were not in sympathy with the escaping nobility from France. Em. Bertram could be seen in him a former friend. Viscount Louis Charlemagne, with whom he had spent many a pleasant hour when the two young men had attended Eton college together. Instantly his sword was contained to the louise of the his between the seen of t

something in his eyes that drew hers to his.

"I—I—am afraid—I—don't understand," she fattered.

"I love you Prue," he said bluntly. "Can you love me?" and Prue whispered back:

"I think, perhaps."

After that they seemed to walk on air until they reached her father's house, and there in the quaint old drawing-room, he repeated his question, punctuating it with a stolen kiss, but she drew away from his embrace, and said sadly:

"But, I can't leave my country. I do not want your court, mine is good enough for me."

The young man caught her in his arms, saying enthusiastically:

"Yes, what do you mean?" but it was evident the had reference not to Bertram's speech but to the fact that his arms were about Prue.

"I mean I love your daughter, and I believe the President approves," Bertram said quickly, repeating Washington's words. The approval of his old commander is enough for Major Metcalf, and as he hears what Washington said, his stern expression relaxes in a smile.

"I don't like Englishmen, I confess, but if General Washington approves, I have nothing to say," and Prue shed joyful tears as the two clasped hands.

"But I cannot allow my daughter to become an Enzilsh woman," the old banker declared.

"She shall not, If General Washington will accept me, I am willing to become an American citizen." cried the ardent lover.

He did become one, and was loyal too, becoming a Colonel in the War of 1812. His sons fought in the Mexican War, and his grandsons in the Civil War, while there are others of his name who rallied to the fiag during the Spanish-American War and the campaigns in the Philippines. Bertram Kilraine and his wife lived to be very, very old, devoted to their country and their baker's dozen of children. He never had cause to regret his action in adopting the country of George Washington as his own.

A Few Words by the Editor

On a Subject That Vitally Concerns Every Man, Woman and Child in the United States

HE President in his annual message last December, profitable to the government, insamuch as the purchases of larger part in the distribution of such periodicals. The subincrease in the rate of postage on magazines and periodicals which have a wide circulation by mail.

of postage than the daily papers.

The President does not state how much he would advise raising the rate, but the various propositions that have followed the intelligent public of America. in the wake of his suggestion involve an increase of from three to five times the present rate of postage.

the subscriber that will have to pay any increased tax that the publishers and private individuals and firms withdrew their government may see fit to put on the dissemination of knowledge and current literature among the people. For the publishers to try to stand it would drive them into bankruptcy in short order.

misunderstanding of the results of certain statistics of the Post-Office Department which he mentions.

He assumes from these figures that the government must be losing money in carrying newspapers and magazines do not make any account whatsoever of this vast item. It is at the present publishers' rate of one cent a pound, while, as safe to say there is no other government in the world whose has often been pointed out the publishers' postage, together with the letter postage which results from periodical circulation, returns a substantial profit to the government.

The true situation is so ably presented by that conservative and influential magazine The Review of Reviews, on this part of the President's message:

"Postal Rates. A recommendation that shows lack of full study advises the increase of postal rates on newspapers, sion of free rural delivery has added a burden of many millions magazines, and periodicals. For a long time second-class of dollars to the Post-Office Department without bringing immatter has been carried at 1 cent a pound. If this is less than mediate financial returns. Congress ought to have made some it costs the government to transport and distribute newspapers and periodicals, it does not necessarily follow that the rate ought to be raised. Within the memory of middle-aged persons postage on newspapers and periodicals was paid by the subscribers at their local post-offices. The change of law requiring advance payment at pound rates by the publishers shifted the burden from the subscribers and was a convenient to prevent the passage of such measures as a parcel post for the reform. It is true that printed matter constitutes the large convenience of the people. And the public may just as well be part of the mail carried by the government. But the periodi-informed of the fact that these same interests have been busily cals do more to nationalize literature and public opinion than at work for some years trying to secure an advance in the any other one thing. Furthermore, very much of the profita- postal rates on periodicals and newspapers. It only needs ble business of the Post-Office Department grows directly out statement to make it clear that if magazines and newspapers

which is remarkable chiefly for what it omits to say postage stamps for the carrying on of correspondence with ject is one that Mr. Taft has not taken up as yet at first hand, their efforts to secure much needed legislation, recommends an the magazines at the rate of 1 cent a pound can cause it loss.

turn received by the government has been the large profit upon The President asks Congress to make the magazines and the sale of many thousands of 2-cent stamps. It is impossible periodicals (which would include COMFORT) pay a higher rate properly to consider the rate of postage to be charged by the government on one class of matter without studying the rela-This would be a very unjust discrimination against the tion of the rates on different classes to one another. Mr. Tatt millions of good people on the farms and in the small towns is actuated by a commendable desire to lighten the burdens of who constitute the great bulk of the subscribers to the monthly the government and to introduce economies. But as a matter ment upon all the business that the post-office does for private burden to the Post-Office Department, and it is a great boon to

"Is There a Postal Deficit? It should be borne in mind that what he calls a deficit in the Post-Office Department is not The subscriber now gets the benefit of the present fav- real. The Post-Office Department is earning a large surplus orable but fair and reasonable postage rate, and necessarily it is profit on the business it carries on for its patrons. Even if all business from the Post-Office Department, the government would still have its own large distribution of letters and printed material to make for Congress, for the Departments at Washington, and for the official business of several hundred The President bases his recommendation on an evident thousand people constituting the civil and military services of the United States. It would probably have to pay from seventyfive to a hundred million dollars a year to carry on its own postal business. Yet the books of the Post-Office Department postal department is not credited with the expense it incurs for handling the business of the other departments.

It is just as much a matter of government expense to transport official documents as to transport troops. The War Department makes record of the cost of transporting troops, that we quote the following extract from its January editorial but no reports of the Post-Office Department indicate the cost of carrying the government's own materials.

"The Real Burdens. Furthermore, the enormous extendirect appropriation for this service. Even if the free rural carriers could be permitted to deliver small parcels for the benefit of the people on their routes, this valuable extension of the service could soon be made almost self-supporting. It is not uninteresting to note the fact that certain express companies and other private interests are always lobbying at Washington of the publicity created by newspapers and magazines. Even were thrown out of the mails by prohibitive postal rates certain the direct transactions with the post-office of a publisher are news companies and express companies might hope to play a

on the important public measures that the people subscribers, and the other postal business of such an establish- and in the multiplicity of great topics that have been crowding have been urging on the attention of Congress in ment, gives the government far more profit than its handling of upon his attention in the opening weeks of his term, it is, perhaps, not strange that he should have been misled in a few The re- matters.

"Reform the Post-Office Itself. The magazines are chief producers of the lucrative business of the post-office. Even without revision of the favorable contracts with the railroads for carrying the mail, and without the other economies that could be brought about by a better business organization of the of fact the carrying of newspapers and periodicals is not a burden to the Post-Office Department, and it is a great boon to carrying and distributing its own mail matter. The magazines and periodicals of this country confessedly surpass in merit those of any other part of the world. Their merit is due to their patronage by a great and intelligent nation spread from the Atlantic to the Pacific. A hostile postal policy such as Mr. Taft proposes would have made impossible the development of such valuable and beautiful expressions of our life as are typified, for example, by the Century Magazine. Let the Post-Office Department set its own house in order, give us a balancesheet of its real transactions as the other departments of the government do, rid itself of its harmful and extravagant relations to politics and party spoils, and bring a permanent business head to the conduct of its large affairs. Then, it necessary to deal with such delicate questions as radical changes in rates, there will be time enough to discuss them on their merits."

The foregoing expresses the views of the associated periodical publishers, and we urge every one of our subscribers who agrees with them to write at once to his or her congressman and request him to work and vote against any increase in the rate of postage on magazines or periodical papers.

We approve of the President's recommendation to encourage American steamship lines to foreign countries by government aid in the form of large subsidies for carrying the mails, and it seems to us very inconsistent for him in the same breath to denounce a low postage rate as a "subsidy to the newspapers, magazines and periodicals" to be abolished or largely curtailed. This preferential rate was established years ago by Congress for the purpose of encouraging and facilitating the dissemination of knowledge through papers, periodicals and magazines, and the direct result has been that America has the best, the largest number, most widely circulated and cheapest magazines and periodicals in the world, with a corresponding elevating influence on the intelligence and morals of our people. If any enterprise on earth is deserving of government subsidy this is. If it is a subsidy,—and for the reason already explained, that the government makes a handsome profit on the entire postage directly resulting from periodical circulation, we claim it is not,-still if it is, it is one that the people get the benefit of, and an enormous benefit too.

Comfort's Editor.

The History of St. Valentine

his subjects and able to do a lot more harm than ane worst of them. It came to pass, after a while that the Emperor got onto Valentine and his work and he put him in chains and cast him into prison where Calphurnius, the prison keeper, thought it would be a good idea to reform him. So he turned him over to Asterius, a deputy sheriff with instructions to make a heathen of him or know the reason why. Asterius, a deputy sheriff with instructions to make a heathen of him or know the reason why. Asterius was willing enough and began his labors at once, but, as it happened he had a blind daughter of whom he was very fond, and Valentine, seeing her one day groping her way about, blessed her and restored her sight. This had such an effect on Asterius that he forthwith stopped trying to reform Valentine, and became reformed himself. That is to say he became a Christian and he and all his house were baptized. But this did not help valentine a little bit. In the contrary it must have made matters very much worse, because after undergoing a term of imprisonment he was taken out one day, beaten with clubs and had his head cut off. So much for trying to convert the heathen. This sad event occurred on the 14th of February.

There is not much in that story to serve as a good reason why we celebrate the day of the good man's death in the manner we do, is there? But let us look into it a moment. On the 15th of February the Romans celebrated a festival to their god, Pan, called the Lupercalia. At this festival the custom was for all the heathen maidens of Rome to put their names in a box and from this box the young men drew these names. No matter what name he got the young man who got it was bound to give the Uhy don't you make a try for some of these

Why don't you make a try for some of these cash prizes that we are paying every month? It costs you nothing; the premiums will pay you handsomely for your time and you ought to be as smart as others in winning a

girl a gift of some kind and to make her his partner during the feast. As anyo e may see this was a fine opportunity for love making and many a youth and maiden met their fate on Pan day, though that is not the name they gave to it. Some of the lots, of course, did not pan out so well, one might say.

The fathers of the church, always ready to take advantage of any honorable means to further the good cause, were accustomed to select there he good cause, were accustomed to select their purpose and they gave a Christian celebration of some kind to offset the opposition. As Valentine had been martyred only the day before the Pan festival they chose at day as sof names as the heathen did, but instead of the names of maidens, they put the names of saints in the box. The celebration was a failure, of course, as anybody knows how much more young men admire living maidens than they do dead saints. Still this was the beginning of St. Valentine's day.

Just how it developed into its present form is



PRESIDENT LINCOLN RECEIVING CALLERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Even during the darkest days of the war, when he was the busiest and most anxious, President Lincoln always found time to hold his regular public receptions, and he treated all callers with equal respect and kindness regardless of their stations in life. It was manhood and womanhood that he regardles, and whether clothed in broadcloth or homespun, silk or calico, made no difference in his estimation of character. He had seen too many "rough diamonds" among the rude frontiersmen to be deceived by a polished exterior.

custom has happily almost been given up and the worst that the unhappy ones may look for is a post card. Not very complimentary, perhaps, but not nearly so ugly and mean as the old-time comics. The post card has also got into the field of the higher class valentines, though they are very well represented yet, the shop windows are resplendent with them every year and the mails carry big loads. These finer valentines are often very artific and expensive, but as a rule they do not cost a great deal, because those who buy the majority of them are not the richest people. Still valentines may be had as high as twenty dollars, or even more, and some rich people like to buy them. It is an undoubted fact that any a bashful youth or maiden finds in the valentine a method of saying what they would not dare to say openly. Thus they oreak the ice of diffidence and by and by when it is confessed who sent the card, the rest of the story is not hard to tell.

There is a superstition mentioned by Shakespeare and writers before and after him, of birds mating on the 14th of February, but it cannot be verified in any books on birds. True enough, some birds do mate on that day, but more mate on the other days, or later or earlier, according to latitude, because this month is the last before spring when the birds get together and make their summer arrangements for nest buildings and family raising.

It is rather a pretty superstition, however, and it should continue, just as the sending of tender valentines is a pretty sentiment and we should not permit the growing tendency to material things which is making us of the earth earthy, to take away from us St. Valentine's day and the sentiment it stands for.

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ch., turn, ch. 4, 1 d. c. in space, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in

Scallop Edging

Spider and Diamond Lace

IN @ AROUND The HOME

CONDUCTED BY MRS. WHEELER WILKINSON

Terms Used in Crochet

Terms Used in Knitting

K. kuit plain; o. over; o.2, over twice; n. narrow 2 stitches together; p. purl, meaning an inversion of stitches; sl. slip a stitch; tog. together; sl. and b., slip and bind; stars and parenthesis indicate repetition.

Terms Used in Tatting

D. s. double stitch; p. picot; l. p. long picot; ch. chain; d. k. double knot; pkt. picot and knot together. * indicates a repetition.

Drawnwork

Several requests have come in from those who are anxious to take up this form of fancy work we illustrate a few simple patterns which beginners should have no difficulty in duplicating. In all cases, one should first proceed to draw the threads from the space to be worked, after which homestitch both edges into equal sized groups of threads, although it is not necessary to count them.

Fig. 1 and 2 both illustrate the principle of this work; in both a central thread is run, knotting a certain number of groups of threads to gether. Then threads are run from one side to the other crossing the central thread and knotting each group separately. Fig. 2

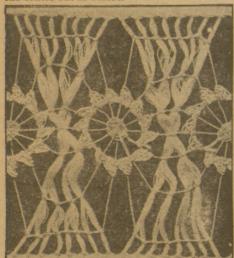
central thread and knotting each group separately. Fig. 2 A SIMPLE DESIGN. FIG. 1. shows double hemstitching and threads, two and two knotted very closely together.

Fig. 3 shows very plainly how one can proceed to work out any design. No other stitches besides these are employed to obtain the filmy lacy effect of the Sunburst design shown above. To work a border of a cloth in this way, after folding and basting the hem, draw the thread from a two-inch space, leave a third inch of the material and draw two inches, hemstitch all



material and draw two inches, hemstitch all around and on each edge of each space, then buttonhole the corners where the four wheels appear. Run a central thread through each side, crossing at the corners and fastening securely into the hems. On each side of this thread cross and knot in four threads.

thread cross and knot in four threads. Weave in the center of each group, going around a thread, and a quarter inch from the center, knot a circle, second row around begin to form the little points as shown by going under a spoke and over the thread which forms the circle, proceed around in this way four or five times, then by twisting over threads go to the next group, and proceed by working from the center out as before.



DESIGN FOR BORDER. FIG. 3.

This work is not hard but is tedious, and requires care and patience, however, if one will begin with the simplest patterns such as these shown in Fig. 1 and 2 they will soon grasp the details of the work and then can take up more intricate forms and stitches.

Rooster Lace

Make a chain of eighty-five stitches, turn.

1st row.—1 d. c. in the 3rd and 4th st., ch. 2,
si. 1, 1 d. c. in ch. 3, ch. 2, sl. 1, 1 d. c. in ch. 3,
ch. 2, sl. 1, 1 d. c., repeat until you have 28 sps.,
1 d. c. in each of the next 6 ch., ch. 2, 1, d. c. in
the ch. 2, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in same st. of the last d.
c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in each of the next ch. 6, ch. 2,
1 d. c. in the ch. 2, ch. 2, I d. c. in same st. of
the last d. c., turn.

2nd row.—10 d. c. in the shell, 1 d. c. on each
of the 6 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. on the d. c., ch. 2, 1
d. c. in the next d. c., repeat until you have 14
sps., 1 d. c. in d. c., 2 d. c. in the sps., 1 d. c. in
the next d. c., ch. 2, make 3 sps., 1 d. c. in the
d. c., 2 d. c. in the sps., 1 d. c. in the

2, make 9 sps., 3 d. c. in the next 3 d. c., turn. 3rd row.—3 d. c., 8 sps., 1 blk., 1 sps., 1 blk.,



SUNBURST DESIGN.

1 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 13 sps., 6 d. c. in the 6 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in the center of the 10 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in the same d. c., ch. 2, 6 d. c. in the next 6 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in the same d. c., 1 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 13 sps., 6 d. c. in the 6 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in the center of the 10 d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in the same d. c., ch. 2, 1 d. c. in the same d. c., ch. 2, turn.

4th row.—Repeat as before, 13 sps., 1 blk., 2 sps., 1 blk., 1 sp., 1



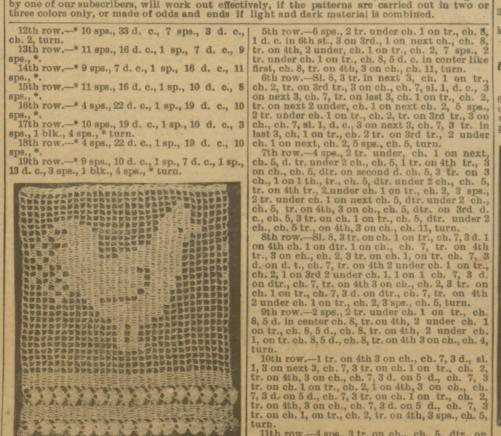






ORIGINAL DESIGNS FOR PATCHWORK. By Arthur J. Ransom, (Forty-Fort) Wilkesbarre, Pa.

New patterns for patchwork are in order, and those here illustrated, which were designed by one of our subscribers, will work out effectively, if the patterns are carried out in two or three colors only, or made of odds and ends if light and dark material is combined.



ROOSTER LACE.

20th row.- * 8 sps., 16 d. c., 3 sps., 10 d. c., 9

sps., *.
21st row.—* 7 sps., 37 d. c., 9 sps., * turn.
22nd row.—* 9 sps., 43 d. c., 5 sps., *.
23rd row.—* 4 sps., 40 d. c., 11 sps., * turn.

turn.

10th row.—1 tr. on 4th 3 on ch., ch. 7, 3 d., sl.
1, 3 on next 3, ch. 7, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2,
tr. on 4th, 3 on ch., ch. 7, 3 d. on 5 d., ch. 7, 3
tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 1 on 4th, 3 on ch., ch.
7, 3 d. on 5 d., ch. 7, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2,
tr. on 4th, 3 on ch., ch. 7, 3 d. on 5 d., ch. 7, 3
tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, tr. on 4th, 3 sps., ch. 5,
turn.

turn.

11th row.—4 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d. ch. 5, 3 tr. on ch., 1 on tr., ch. 5, dtr. under 2 ch., ch. 5, tr. on 4th, 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d. ch. 5, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, tr. on 4th ch. 2, tr. on next tr., ch. 2, tr. on 4th 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., 3 on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., a tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., a tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., ch. 2, tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., ch. 2, tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., a tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., a tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., a tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr., a tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 4th tr. on 4th tr. on 2nd d., ch. 5, tr. on 2nd

12th row.—Tr. on 4th 3 on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 7, 3 d. on dtr., ch. 7, tr. on 4th 3 on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 5 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 2, 3 on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 5 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 2, 3 on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 7, 3 d. on dtr., ch. 7, tr. on 4th, 3 on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 5 sps., ch. 5, turn.

13th row.—6 sps., 2 tr. under 2, ch. 1 on tr., ch. 5, 5 d. on 3 d., ch. 8, 1 tr. on 4th, 2 under ch., ch. 2, tr. on 4th, 7 sps., 2 tr. under 2, ch. 1 on tr., ch. 8, 5 d. on 3 d., ch. 8, tr. on 4th, 2 under ch. 1 on tr., ch. 4, turn.

14th row.—Tr. on 4th, 3 on ch., ch. 7, 3 d. on 5 d., ch. 7, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 7 sps., ch. 5, turn.

15th row.—8 sps., 4 tr., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d. ch. 5, 3 tr. on ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 11 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 5, dtr. on 2nd d. ch. 5, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 4, turn.

16th row.—1 tr. on 4th, 3 on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, 13 sps., 3 tr. on ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, 13 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, 13 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, 13 sps., 3 tr. on ch., ch. 2, 3 tr. on ch. 1, on tr., ch. 2, 9 sps., ch. 5, turn. 24th row.—* 13 sps., 36 d. c., 3 sps., *. 24th row.—* 2 sps., 12 d. c., 1 sp., 19 d. c., 15 ps., *.

sps., *.

25th row.—* 20 sps., 14 d. c., 3 sps., * turn.

26th row.—* 5 sps., 1 blk., 21 sps., *.

27th row.—* 21 sps., 1 blk., 5 sps., *.

28th row.—* 28 sps., *.

29th and 30th rows.—Same as 28th row, *.

31st row.—* 14 sps., 1 blk., 3 sps., 1 blk., 8 sps., *, continue from the beginning.

Miss Jessie M. Sharon.

Chain five, turn.
Six d. c. with 1 s. c. between in the 4th st. of chain. This forms shell, cb. 5, turn. Shell on shell, 1 d. c., turn; ch. 2, shell on shell, ch. 2, 1 d. c. in 3rd st. of ch. turn ch. 4



SPIDER AND DIAMOND LACE.

17th row.—10 sps., 2 tr. under 2, ch. 1 on tr., ch. 2, 15 sps., 2 tr. under 2, ch. 1, on tr., ch. 11, turn.

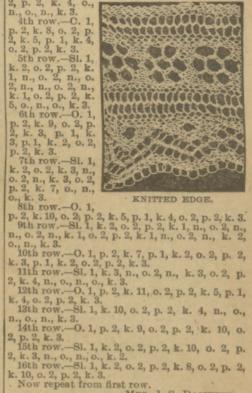
Repeat, beginning with second row.

MRS. A. E. DODGE.

Knitted Edging

1st row.-O. 1, k. 2, o. 2, p. 2, k. 10, o. 2, p. 2, k. 3, o., n., o., n., k. 3. 2nd row.—O. 1, p. 2, k. 8, o. 2, p. 2, k. 10, o. 2, p. 2, k. 3. 3rd row.—Sl. 1, o. 2, p. 2, k. 3, n., o. 2, k. 3, o.

4th row.—C. 1, p. 2, k. 8, o. 2, p. 2, k. 5, p. 1, k. 4, o. 2, p. 2, k. 3. 5th row.—Sl. 1, k. 2, o. 2, p. 2, k. 1, n., o. 2, n., o. 2, n., n., o. 2, p. 2, k. 1, o. 2, p. 2, k. 3, 6th row.—O. 1, p. 2, k. 9, o. 2, p.



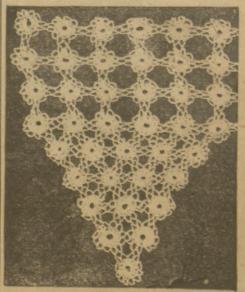
k. 10, o. 2, p. 2, k. 3.

Now repeat from first row.

MRS. J. S. DASHNEY.

Wheels for Tidy or Other Fancy Work

Chain 6, join, 24 d. c. This makes picots, ch. 6, sl. 1, catch with 1 s. c., repeat all around, catch your wheels together into position as the work proceeds. The illustration shows one point for front of corset cover or chemise,





tal."

te tall man nodded, and then with a clasp he hand, the two parted. It was then that tall man noticed the awkward country boy, mustered up sufficient courage to ask: / tre you the Congressman?"

te tall man looked down upon the lad, as ad to on the majority of mankind, smiled strange, sad smile, as he replied: m one of them, and not an extra good one lat." want something, Mr. Lincoln," the boy

cathe," and to his dismay he felt the hot tears and in his eyes.

The kindly face before him softened wonderlily. The great eyes were humid, but the sentive mouth twisted in a slight smile, as the teat man to be said gravely:
"I wonder son if you ever heard the story of e man with the towering ambition. There was man possessed of a towering ambition which pt on growing and growing until it overadowed him, and he had a hard time trying to ach up to it. One day his best friend spoke him quietly, saying: "Old man, what makes ustry to keep up with that ambition? Just & real close and you'll see that it isn't yours." It man looked, and sure enough he saw that it is entirely detached from him, in fact was other man's property. Are you sure that ur hurt is yours?"

fellow has studied much as he had himself rly days, before the onen fireplace, long the others had gone to bed. I make you a promise, will you make me a return?" Mr. Lincoln asks at last. will and God will help me keep it," Lemuel-earnestly.

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dd. I'll promise to get you in the employ government, if you will promise me never contrary to your conscience," Mr. Lincoln tes, "and if you ask Him, God will help true to it."

continues, "and if you ask Him, God will nery you be true to it."

"I promise," Lemuel cried solemnly, and Mr. Lincoln returned just as solemnly:

"I promise," and to the day of his death Lemuel Gordon never forgot the warmth of the hand clasp he received from the hand des" v had set apart to guide a great nation through the throes of Civil War.

Within a month, Lemuel Gordon received the news of his appointment to a minor position under the government, and tears wet his eyes when he found transportation enclosed in the envelope, to which were pinned these words:

"Take this as an advance from the future. Repay it when you can do so comfortably.

"A. Lincoln."

This paper, he treasured all his life keeping it with his mother's picture. He worked steadily and faithfully, continuing his studies by night, and finally he became one of the most efficient civil engineers in the employ of the government. Fate seemed then to step in and change the plan of his life, for he was sent by the government to South Carolina, where he met and grew friendly with a number of warm supporters of Southern doctrines. Later he was transferred to Richmond.

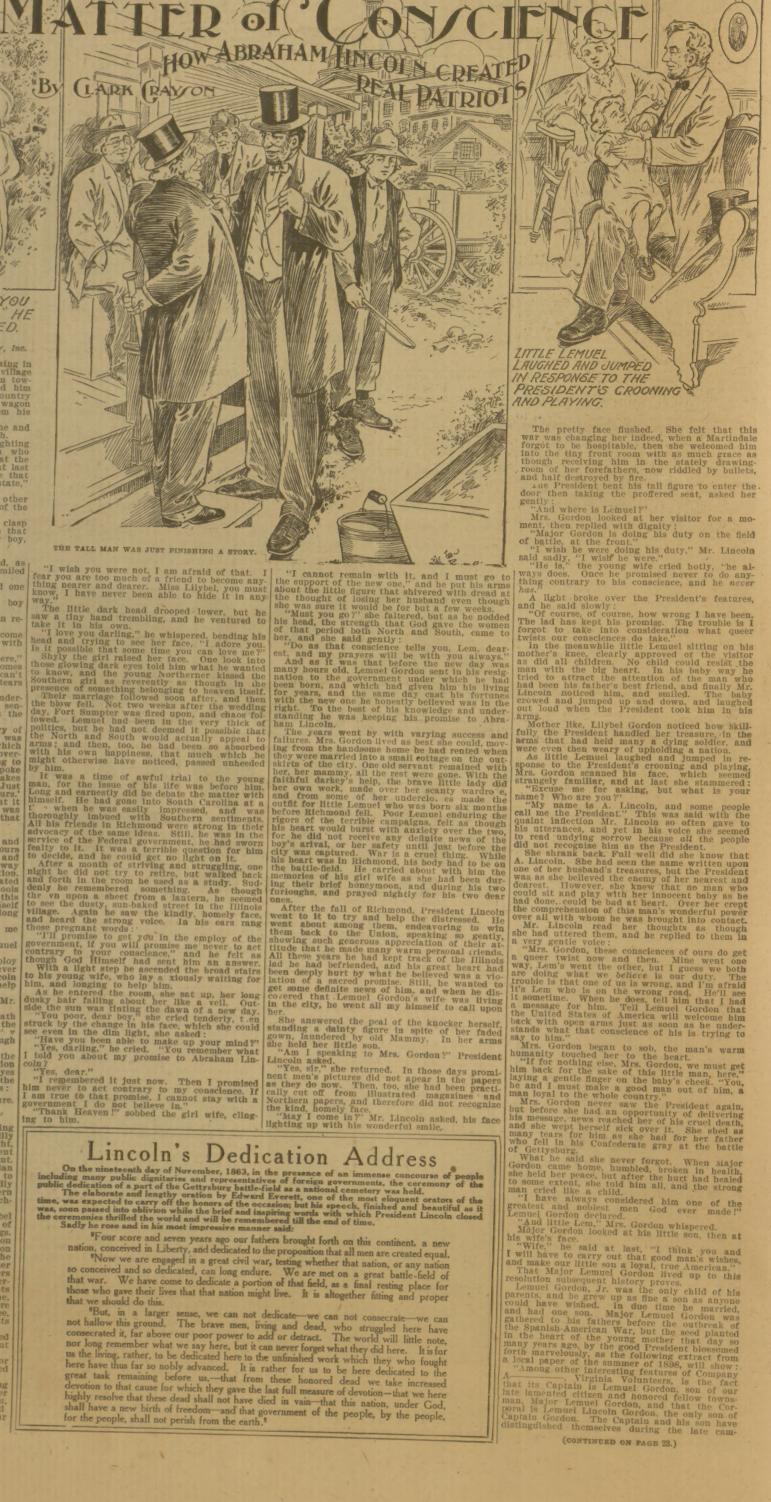
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Here it was that he met beautiful Lilybel Martindale, one of the fairest daughters of Virginia, and a belle of White Sulphur Springs. From the first moment that his eyes fell upon the sweet face of the young girl, Lemuel Gordon loved her madly, and their courtship was the most delightful period of his line. He wooed her amid the heavily perfumed early spring flowers of her father's Southern mansion, and ever afterwards in the smoke and din of battle, thoughts of her brought back the intoxicating perfume, and the mad rioting of his heart as she sat there on the rustle bench, beneath the magnolia tree, then bare of blossoms, but beautiful with its glossy, thick green leaves.

"Miss Lilybel," he had begun, "I have tried to say what is in my heart many times, but something stops me."

He had watched the tender, girlish face for signs of displeasure, and finding none, ventured to proceed.

"Again and again I have come here intending to confess everything, only to go away to another period of wild unrest. I am afraid to tell you, and miserable because I do not," and he paused "Why afraid?" she asked gently. "I am your friend."



IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S GROONING



Points to Remember

Always write on one side of the paper only and leave space between the lines.

Write recipes, hints and requests on separate paper in-stead of including them in the letters. Mail all letters at least THREE MONTHS before the issue for which they are intended.

Always give your correct name and address, as no letter will be published excepting over it. This enables the sisters to write directly to each other.

state and her letter certainly gives one a false impression. I was born in Illinois, but have been here since 1870, long enough to know what the true conditions

one a one-sided opinion. If the weather was bad on the visit, the place was remembered as disagreeable. Moving to any new locality will not immediately change one's conditions. But when all is said, the West certainly offers the poor man and the young man just starting out in life, more chance to forge ahead, than the East. I am a true Californian and would not choose to live anywhere else.

This my first and may be my last letter to this corner, but I hope long to remain one of the great silent band of readers. Good luck to all for 1910.

Mrs. I. M. Peterson, Oakland, Cal.

MRS. I. M. PETERSON, Oakland, Cal.

DEAR SISTERS:

I've been a silent reader for several years. I certainly think Comfort the best paper of its kind published. I wish it was a weekly instead of monthly, and I'm sure all the sisters wish so, too.

I am twenty-two years old, have been married nearly seven years. I have blue eyes, dark curly hair, and fair complexion, my husband is ten years older than I—but does not look so. He is good to me and I am hanpy. I am of a very cheerful nature, and never have the blues, in fact I keep them away by singing and trying to be cheerful and not gloomy. My husband never comes in and finds a frown on my face, or cross word on my lips.

We have three children, two boys and a girl, the oldest, Raymond, is five and one half years, Arthur, three and one half years, and Helen Keller, one and one half years old.

I have received my November Comfort, and read the letter from a lady living in a dugout in N. Mex. I have seen a good many dugouts here, but was never none.

We live in the irrigated belt of N. Mexico—in the

will be published excepting over it. This enables the sisters to write directly to each other.

Do not write us for samples or patterns of the fancy work which have appeared. When publishing any particular piece of work, we give the plainest possible directions for making and usually illustrate it. It is absolutely useless for you to write for more information, or for samples, or patterns of anything unless stated that they can be supplied.

As it has come to our notice that sisters have been subling object. I am going to mention my chief fault, which have or will appear in any letters here published; should here be, kindly notify us, and the offender will be dealed the further use of these columns. As this department is run solely to afford an opportunity for the mutual exchange of ideas, recipes, and helpful information, we do not intend it to be used by anyone for a commercial purpose.

Do not send us exchange notices; we have no exchanges.

As words cannot express my sorrow and loneliness.

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De not request souvenir postals unless you have complied with the conditions which entitle you to such a notice. See offer.

All subscribers are cordially invited to write to this department and all stand an equal chance of having their letters appear, whether they are old or new members. As our space is limited, naturally the most interesting helpful letters are selected. Write fully of your views and ideas, yourself and home aurroundings, "give as freely as ye receive," but if your first letter does not appear, do not feel atterly discouraged. Remember the old adage, "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Address and would like particulars in regard to the country.

How many of the busy housewives ever tried puting their of the wash water before boiling their clothes? Try it and see how much whiter they are. Use about a teaspoonful to nearly a boiler of water.

I am the mother of one bright blue-eyed boy. I would love to hear from other young mothers. I have the first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Address all letters appear, whether they are old the country.

MRS. F. J. BLIZZARD, BOX 20, Danville, R. D. 2, Ala.

DEAR READERS:

Who can write me of Fulse. Okla.? We are think ing of moving there and would like particulars in regard to the country.

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Tenn.

Dear Mes. Wilkinson:

I live away down here in the South in old Miss., where the roses are still blooming and the birds are still singing their sweet songs, though it is November, this part of the south is blessed with a good many kind of birds. We have mocking birds in abundance, they sing all the summer and warm days in winter. I hear one now pouring forth his heartfelt thanks to the one who sent him to bless our homes in the Sunny South.

I am a farmer's wife, and have been married twelve, years, and have two children, both boys. I enjoy farm life, one is not confined to one thing. We can work or rest just as it suits us best. We raise most everything for the table, and I always do canning, preserving and drying fruit in the fall.

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MY LADY BETH" By Mrs. Georgie Sheldon

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To be my valentine.
Asking you to love me,
And me alone, through life;
Asking you, my valentine,
To be my own, dear wife."

Loyal Graham's handsome, manly face, with its clustering dark hair, brown eyes, and sweeping military mustache, wore a tender smile as he ga d at the pretty contraption and thought of Berrie Meadows, the "one fair girl in all the world to him."

"Yes. I will buy it, and send it to her, and she will guess the question I am asking, and will know that I love her best and want her to be my own dear sweet bride.

"It is a poetical fancy, dear Berrie, this wooing you by valentine, but you must know I have loved you since the first time I met you down by the old mill pond that sweet summer day."

The saleswoman smiled at the ardent lover's manner when he read the lines on the valentine, and was startled when he threw upon the counter a five dollar bill and did not wait in his impatience for the two dollars' change.

Very tenderly Loyal addressed the white lace embroidered envelope, in' a firm hand:

"Miss Berlyn Meadows,

"Tanglewood,

"Malvern, Penn."

He entrusted it to old Pete, the faithful servitor, with instructions to give it into no one else's hands.

It was a sad fate that Grandma Meadows had insisted upon her two sons' daughters both bearing her name—"Berlyn Meadows," and it was a sadder fate that beautiful violet-eyed, solden-haired Berrie, and her dark ired and it eyed Cousin Berlyn should both love the salue man. But so it was, and both girls had hidden their love for Loyal Graham from et hother.

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Everyone loved sweet, gentle, golden-haired brie, and she was the pet and the sunshine of eplace. Her father had great hopes for his irces, and yet there was no one he so much sired for his motherless girl as Loyal Graham, es successful lawyer.

It was fate also that took Berlyn Meadows to langlewood" that tright February day, where exceeved Loyal's love token from old, consed Pete's hand, thinking that it was for herif. A lovely tint dyed the soft damask of the cl's cheek, and her heart beat with the sweet pure of love's requital.

Bursting into the large library, where Berrie it, colled up in a big armchair, before the wood e in the grate, she drew the golden head to her east, and poured forth the sweet message that tyal Graham had sent to her Cousin Berrie. Berrie was a true daughter of the house of radows, and she bore this death-blow to all her pes with Spartan courage. If the sweet face is paler, and the beautiful hands quivered, as e held Berlyn's, and congratulated her, no one ew of the girl's despair. That night an ice carnival was held a the interest had not be a high and her heavy had like the large mere by the old mill, and the full moon thed everything in its weird splendor. The country lads and lassies were out with ttering skates, skimming over the glassy plane, the many a shout, and hearty laugh of enjoyent. Dark-eyed Berlyn waited with love's imitence for Loyal Graham, her supposed lover. At last she saw him, and with all her heart her eyes, she glided to his side, and raised to love y fushed face to his manly one. It uld have been a heart of stone that could the beauty.

"I received the valentine, my darling," she tity breathed, "and my answer is 'yes,' I will he

and he almost ran the remainder of the way, with his unconscious burden.

Her father had been notified of the accident, and when Loyal arrived he found the family physician awaiting him, and everything in readiness for her comfort. Doctor Goebel shook his head solemnly as he examined the ugly wound on her temple, and proceeded to dress and bandage it at once. By this time Berrie was in a high fever and raved continually. Berlyn begged to stay with her during the night, and Mr. Meadows was only too glad to leave her with someone that loved her, for Berlyn had always professed the greatest affection for her.

Before leaving the doctor had warned Berlyn to be very careful that nothing should disturb the bandage, for if the wound should tear open and bleed again, the consequences might be serious, even death.

As Berlyn sat by the bedside of the sufferer, who was still raving, now about Berlyn's valentine, then about the cold, cold water, crying pitifully for someone to save her then again thinking that she was still in Loyal Graham's tender arms, she heard her murmur:

"No, Loyal, I did not get any valentine. You sent it to my cousin. She loves you, what do you mean by saying that you love me? Are you deceiving me? You have no heart to give me, Berlyn has it. Why do you call me dearest? Oh, why, did you not leave me in the cold, cold water? It was so cooling to this burning poor head!"

Berlyn's face grew black. What did she mean? Was it only fever's vagaries, or had Loyal spoken to her of love, too? Her heart sank as she recalled his confusion when she mentioned the valenting just before the excitement of the accident. Could it be possible that it was all a mistake, that it had been intended for Berrie instead of her?

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"No, no, Loyal, I cannot be your wife. Berlyn over you, she says that you love her and sent her the valentine, asking her to marry you. do love you, dear, but Berlyn must never know t, I could not spoil her happiness, I could not break her heart like mine is broken. Oh, how my head aches! How strong and comforting his rms felt!"

"The more Berlyn heard the more convinced he became that she had been deceived, that loyal Graham must have told her cousin that it was she that he loved, and not her Cousin berlyn. All the evil in her nature arose, as she hought of her humiliation. She could not live to see her cousin triumph over her, to see her in the man she loved with all the passion of her perverted nature.

She watched the restless patient, and as she hoticed her fair beauty, even fever and delirium ould not conceal her exquisite faintiness, and lelicacy of feature, the Demon Jealousy took hossession of her. Berlyn Meadows had never known a wish ungratified since her babyhood, he had never tried control any of her impulses, whether for good or fill, and now in her last great disappointment, she allowed evil to lave full sway.

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She gazed up in the mirror in front of her. Was she not beautiful too? If Berrie was out of the way she knew that Loyal would learn to love her. Out of the way? Was it the Demon that put that thought in her mind? The doctor's parting words flashed in her mind. 'Do not couch the bandage, it might mean death!'

How easy it would be! One little movement and the wound would be open. She could say that she had fallen asleep and when she awoke to her horror had found that her cousin in her delir m must have torn the bandage off. As she thought of what Berrie had robbed her, of Loyal Graham's love, she ha not one iots of compassion for the "oor delirious girl. She hated her so deeply that all she could think of was how soon she could accomplish her dastardly deed.

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The little clock upon the bureau ticked solemn;
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quiet. If the deed was to be done, now was the time.

Berlyn moved slowly to the bed, her eyes seemed fascinated upon the bandage, as she came nearer and nearer, it seemed to grow larger and larger until it seemed to be the only thing that she could see. With her right hand outstretched, ready to repress any outery that Berrie might make, with her left she frantically tore open the wound. She could scarcely repress a cry of horror as the life blood spurt into her face. With a shudder she turned towards the door—then her life blood froze in her veins, for there shoot Loyal Graham, his handsome face pale as a specter's.

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A red flush flamed across the pale cheeks, and she made a movement to escape from the strong arms of her rescuer.

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The doctor glanced at Berrie, who appeared to be sleeping like a tired child, sweetly and restfully.

"No, strange to say, she seems better. When she awakens I think that she will be conscious. I will remain with her, we will run no more risks. I think that when you come to see her tomorrow you will be surprised to see the agreeable change in her."

"Oh, thank you, Doctor, for these blessed words of encouragement. I do not believe that I realized how dear my darling was to me until I saw that awful flow of blood. I will go downstairs and wait until the morning. I could not rest at home, I know."

The next morning dawned bright and clear. It was St. Valentine's day. "Tanglewood" was astir early. The glad news rang throughout the house. Berrie was better—much better! She had awakened conscious and was feeling stronger. Her strong constitution had conquered, besides, she recalled the words of love that Loyal Graham had whispered as he bore her in his strong arms. Happiness is the best doctor. She must get well soon, she could scarcely wait until she could see him again.

When Loyal entered the room, after breakfast, one look into the sweet eyes gave him the answer to his valentine. Taking the little hand into his great strong one, he told her how the mistake had occurred, how old Pete had misunderstood him, and had given it to Berlyn instead of to her, the only girl he had ever loved.

"I am sorry, sweetheart, that I have no other one for you now, but I know the most important part of the one I intended for you, so I will say the words to you, if you will listen to them, shall I, dear?"

The lovely violet eyes gave a shy, sweet consent, and they grew bright with love's light as she listened to the rich tones of her lover's voice:

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To be my valentine.
Asking you to love me,
And me alone, through life;
Asking you, my valentine,
To be my own dear wife."

Berlyn Meadows, as she stole guiltily past the open window, saw the answer that Berrie gave to her valentine, and resolved then and there to her valentine, and resolved then and there she tranglewood should never see her face again. She left that morning, without saying farewell, and many wondered what had caused the estrangement between the cousins, but Loyal Graham never revealed to anyone, not even to the doctor, how Fate had called him to save the life of his own dear Valentine.



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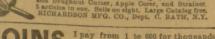
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Dear Comfort Sisters:

I live in sunny Tenn., coming here a few years ago from Mont., and must say I greatly prefer the Golden West. I am an only child and live with my parents. I do most of the housework as my mother is a cripple from Locomotor Ataxia. I have been married, but did not get one of the good Johns and we separated. A good many people look on such a step as a terrible thing and it certainly is but circumstances alter cases.

What a splendid little poem in the October number sent in by Ama Wheeler.

I will tray and give a few hints about the house. To remove grass stains, rub the stain with molasses, let lay a few minutes then wash out with soap and water and the grass stain will be gone.

To keep cake fresh, cut an apple in half and put in cake box. The cake will stay moist and fresh.

To prevent tinware from rusting rub over with fresh lard and place in hot oven for a few minutes. If new tins are treated like this they will seldom rust.

Common baking soda will remove teastains from teacups. Wet the cup and rub with soda.

A good way to brighten a carpet is to put a half cup of turpentine in a basin of water, dip your broom it and sweep over the carpet once or twice and it will brighten it wonderfully.

Can anyone send me the first chapters of "Lady I sabel's Daughter" the sequel to East Lynn? It was published in Comfort beginning at the fifth chapter, and ended in May. I would be glad to hear from any of the sisters and will try and answer all.

Miss E. G. Martin, Box 35, Knoxville, E. D. 4, Tenn.

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DEAR EDITOR AND SISTERS:

I live among the hills and pines of North Louishing have lived near here all my life, and it seems at times that I would like a change, although I doubt if I could find a place that would go ahead of hildren. I am inclined to be fractious and impatient with them, and would like for some of the sisters who have had the same experience to tell me how to overcome it. I would like for ladies living in adjoining states or Floridator to write to me, giving a full description of their country. I will thank and appreciate every one that will write and answer all letters.

DEAR COMPORT READERS:

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Mrs. Minnie L. Hudgens. I was intercated in your letter. I have two sisters in New Mexico. I have another in Okla. She has a dear little boy. The other two have little girls. All the dear shut-ins have my greatest sympathy. Dut dear shut-ins have my greatest sympathy. I doubt if I could find a place that would go ahead of oild Louisiana. I have been married six years and very much interested in letters pertaining to the rearing and controlling of children. I am inclined to be fractious and impatient with them, and would like for some of the sisters who have had the same experience to tell me how to overcome it. I would like for ladies living in adjoining states or Floridator will be a complete the country. I will thank and appreciate every one that will write and answer all letters.

Mrs. W. H. Dowling, Williste, La.

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The next time you sisters do quilting instead of lacing in your lining and top in the usual old way try taking a box of shoe sprigs and fasten on top side of frames every three laches, and fasten your lining and top to this it saves so much time and top to this it saves so much time and top to the complete of the couple.

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Well. Uncle, I will not write any more about it this time, but if I see this in print and you want me to write again. I will and can tell lots more about the war. I will give a description of myself and then run for I see Billy is looking hungary and am afraidhe will get this. I am five feet tall. blue eyes and my sixteen years old.

With love to you and the cousins, I am ag ever, your loving niece and cousin, Celia Slacelle. (No. 28,881.)

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Is There a Best Breed?

HAT breed do you consider the best? is a question which comes to me several times every month. Most of our constant readers must know by this time that I personally prefer White Wyandottes, but when it comes to saying which is the best breed, I honestly don't believe there is a universal best. The heavy fowls, like Wyandottes, Rocks and Cochins, are not as well adapted to hot Southern states as are Leghorns, Minorcas, and Andalusians; yet there are many flocks of the heavy birds being kept in the South, many of them quite as profitable as the lighter birds. Truth to tell, at is not so much the variety of fowl as the owner of the bird that makes the difference. Of course even a genius in poultry culture could not make a scrub lot of mongrels bring in the returns a good flock would, but an experienced poultryman can usually make any sort of strong, healthy fowls profitable, and a careless, inexperienced man may have just as poor luck with thoroughbreds. It is food and care which counts most; I have seen it demonstrated dozens of times. During the spring and summer nearly anyone can make a fair showing, but it is this





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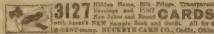


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"Or what?" Guy asked, as she read to him what she had written. "Maddy Clyde will not be waiting-maid in this house, neither will she come (CONTINUED ON PAGE 33.)

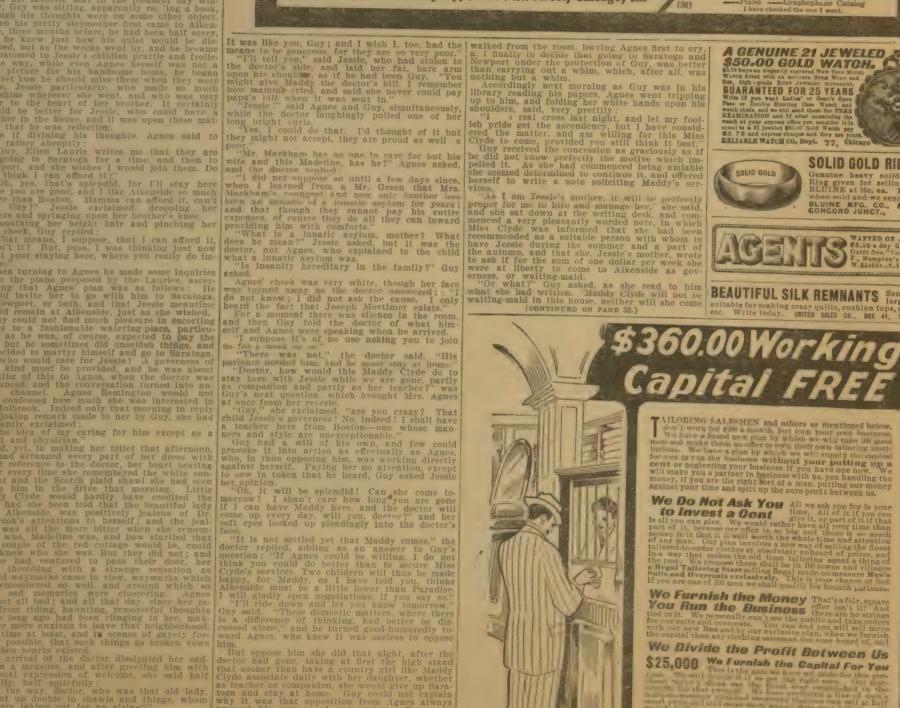
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Club to start in beautifying their throats, as otherwise they will have to avoid the Dutch-necked dresses and comfortable. It hink I hear you ask, I rather a hard question as there are so dinds of pretty throats. Slender throats throats can all be pretty if case is taken kin. No matter how exquisite the shape throat, it will have no beauty unless the of the skin is fine and the color an alwhite.

Ty my treatment for a few weeks and I'm positive you will become the owner of an adorable y throat by wearing the extremely high stead adopt the collarless dresses and not care to do this wear a medium, such as is shown in the illustration in seek and can



e morning bath the careful girl dashes and throat quantities of ice-cold water nows this firms and stimulates the sicles, also; and this is important, it the girl with a delicate throat from

the save the girl with a delicate throat from any a cold water but histed apply very hot any a cold water but instead apply very hot are skin and that is what we want to do as masses to absorb the skin must be warm as to absorb the skin food.

Massage rule: Hoaving skin food.

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Expressed oil of sweet almonds, twenty mins.; tesh cucumber julce, one ounce; lanoline, four tama; oil of rose, four drope.

Melt the oil and lanoline in a double boiler, move from the fire and stir in the cucumber lice, before the mixture cools, and the perfume, at until cold.

If you are not an expert at compounding cosecies, buy some good cream that you think will suitable for neck massage.

If the throat is what is "wigarly termed "skinny" it is



A Maple Leaf.—See Nemo for a massage for the

head in this position turn it first to the right, then to the left.

Practice this for ten minutes night and morning and to the left.

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knows that more
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this time, for he knows that more fall victims to him upon this day than upon any other in the entire year, and The custom of sending lace paper valentines is grown into one where all kinds of dainty fits are suitable.



readers
planning such a party, the following
suggestions are given.

A Heart Party

A Heart Party

One of the girls of Comfort is going to give very original party this year, and she has ritten to Comfort about it so the other girls in have one like it. She is going to have what he calls a Heart Party. The prettiest girl in er set is to be the Queen of Hearts, and the bung man to whom she is engaged is to be a king of Hearts. They have long robes ade of red calico, edged with white canton annel marked with charcoal to look like ermine, rowns of gilt paper are to be worn on their hads, and on each is pinned a heart of white usiln. A brother of Comfort's girl is to be the tek of Hearts, and she is the Ace of Hearts, and so on down to the Two-spot who is her tiny expew. These all including herself wear white, they being girls, and she has one red heart innea on her dress. The Ten-spot has ten tiny arts on her dress, and the others are graded own to the Two-spot, whose little white dress almost covered by two large hearts. These in all be cut from the remnants of the red id. On the man of the red in d, with the mock ermine, but he does not have crown.

dico. The Jack of Hearts is also dessed in d. with the mock ermine, but he does not have crown. An anale of Compour's girl is to be St. Vaiena, and a neighbor girl is to be Cupid. She is doar little carly headed thing, and with her tile white dress, and a bow and arrow she is ing to look like a little angel.

Contour's girl has written up a little dialogue which all the Hearts take part. They consist that St. Valentine has forgotten them all, the King and Queen try to cheer them up, d then the Jack of Hearts sings a funny song, yone who is in the audience, for the rest the guests act as that and join in the orus, will do. At the end of the song there is knocking, and the Two-spot runs to let in old. Valentine and little Cupid. The old man has big box in his arms, and tells them that they have been compounding two carly, for he has a rest of valentine and little cupid. The old man has been compounding two carly, for he has a real and so spot will go about giving them out. Following this they all sing some well-known as kinds. The refreshments will be bread and there so the party, plainly addressed. Cupid and we spot will go about giving them out. Following this they all sing some well-known as kinds. The refreshments will be bread and there are the back of floates will cut from a skinds. The refreshments will be bread and the same the back of floates will cut from a series of the same the way have know how to do. The same the back of floates will cut from a floates of the same the same the back of floates will cut from a series of the same at the way have know how to do. The same the back of floates will cut from a series of the same and the way have know how to do. The same the back of floates will cut from a series of the same at the way have know how to do. The same the same the back of floates will cut from a series of the same at the way have know how to do. The same the same the back of floates will cut from a series all the more fun.

Fortune Telling for St. Valentine

played among intimate faces have appeared in two sets of cards in the the face of each one of a girl or man, and larger than the photo-



their envelopes, and the sur-them makes a pretty ending to an Let the refreshments be suitable

requested to them makes a profty ending to an evening of fun. Let the refreshments be suitable to the occasion.

If impossible to get the kodak pictures, select pretty Valentine postals. Let the fortune teller have a sufficient number so that there will be one for each guest. Let her go through the same process, sealing up the valentine as described above. The Game of Hearts

Cut out a large heart out of pasteboard and dozen strings ten or twelve yards long.

Give each young man present a bag of little red candies.

Each girl present is to take her turn strings. Have a girl at again.

Give each young man present a bag of little red candies.

Each girl present is to take her turn at the strings. Have a girl at each string. The game is to wind into a ball in the shortest possible time. The speed of each girl should be recorded, and at the end, the one doing it in the shortest possible time is to receive a pretty Valentine postal card.

The men are to wager their candies upon the girl they think will win. The man who has the most of these candies at the d is to receive a nice box of Valentine postal cards. The young men must share their candies with the girls when the game is over.

St. Valentine Picnic

delightful change from the conventional of entertaining is the St. Valentine Picnic.

I guest upon' arrival is given a red heart half a motto upon it. This is to be pinned lain sight, on the clothing. Of course the obegun on one heart is finished on another, the ones wearing these divided mottoes are together for the picnic.

The three have hear vilted, each couple if

can be made over going to the spring for lemonade.

After the lunch is eaten, old-fashioned games, such as would be played at a picnic, can follow until the striking of twelve reminds the guests that St. Valentine's day is over.

Some Good Mottoes for Dividing are Given Below:

"Love me little
"The aweetast joy "Love is the loadstone
"Love is of heavenly birth "Love is of heavenly birth "Love is of heavenly birth "The aweetast thing in life "Love what a volume "Our grantest biles."
"The pleasure of love "The aweetast thing in life "Love what a volume "Oh the heart that truly loves "Love will find "Love will find "Love will find "Love will find "Tove is heaven "And heaven is love. Is aternal."
"For love is heaven "And heaven is love. Is aternal."
"Which Ged has Given."

St. Valentine's Post-Office

Each guest is given an envelope and is told it ontains a prophesy for the ensuing year. These nivelopes hear the name of the person to whom they are given.

After the envelopes are distributed, each one is asked to write on the back of his envelope his guess as to what the prophesy is likely to be.

When this is done, the envelopes are collected and the guesses are read

the excelopes are collected and the guesses are read aloud like this:

"Good luck at the year t'rough, James Joues."

Once more the envelopes are distributed and the guests are asked to open them and see how near they came to the corect answer.

Each one discovers within the envelope are distributed and the guests are asked to open them and see how near they came to the corect answer.

Each one discovers within the envelopes are distributed by an arrow. These are castly made. The bearts can be cut from red tissue paper. Before pasting them on the sheet of paper. Heryes the arrow from white or the other than be side by side.

It would be nice to give one of the handsome. til. d note paper. and the arrow from white or til. d note paper. Before pasting them on the sheet of paper, thrust the arrow through them so as to led them be side by side. It would be nice to give one or the handsome Valentine post cards as a prize for the one com ing nearest to guessing correctly.

The Proposal Party

A rather original idea for St. Valentine's is a roposal Party. Each young man is notified in s invitation that he must come prepared to ake a proposal with the guarantee that it will

larger than the photoa stamp hinge.

Select for the fortune teller one who is
a pt with bright
speeches, and able to
make little jokes inoffensively. Have each
guest meet the fortune
teller alone. He or
she, better a girl, takes
up the pack of cards
containing the photographs of those of the
opposite sex to the one
who is before her. As
she gravely looks them
over she can say something like this:

The men are all given cards and pencils and
requested to make a proposal in verse that will
not be taken in earnest.

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Something About the 1900 Washer

It is rather out of the custom for the Editor or Publisher to personally endorse any article advertised in Compost's columns, but we want to call attention to the following letter from Mrs. W. H. Gannett, the wife of the Publisher of Compost, written to the 1900 Washer Company, Binghamton, N. Y. Mrs. Gannett felt so delighted and is so enthusiastic over her Washing Machine that she thought she must write to the manufacturers all about what a nice time she was having doing her own washing with this wonderful invention of theirs. As Mrs. Gannett was a farmer's daughter and has done many a washing with her own hands, she is well aware of the drudgery and hard work she poor overworked wife, mother or daughters have to get through their wash days each week, and she feels the 1900 Washer is one of the great inventions of the century.

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Comfort Sisters' Corner

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Tested Recipes from Comfort Sisters The writer's name or initials will appear at the end of one or more of the recipes.—Editor.

One and one half cups sugar, one cup sour milk, one half cup butter, one half cup lard, one egg, one teaspoonful soda, and flour enough to roll out. J. F. G.

Quick Cold Slaw

Cut the cabbage up fine, sait and sugar it, pour cream or milk and stir up, then take two parts water and one part vinegar and stir up. Set in a cool place.

Leftover Corn

Stir in enough flour to make a pretty thick batter, beat one egg light, add a little pepper and fry in hot lard.

Leftover Beef

Melt two tablespoonfuls butter, add one of bread crumbs, mix, add two cups of finely chopped beef well seasoned, then one tablespoonful of chopped parsley and the beaten yolks of two eggs, stir in a saucepan until the mixture is heated. Form into cakes, dip in egg and crumbs and fry.

MRS. HALL.

One quart flour, one cup suet chopped fine, three teaspoonfuls baking powder, one half teaspoonful salt one half cup sugar, light or brown, two eggs beaten one half pound seeded raisins. Wet cloth, put it pudding, allow for swelling, boil three hours.

Lemon Pie

One large lemon rind grated, one cup sugar, three eggs, save one and one half of the whites, one table spoonful butter, one cup water, one tablespoonful four. Beat one and one half whites of eggs, add tablespoonful sugar and spread on ple when done. Brown in quick oven.

Irish Potato Cakes

Boil and mash six large potatoes, add salt and two well beaten eggs. Flour enough to make a dough. Roll, cut into squares, fry in butter. Delicious.

Simple Recipe for Mince Meat

Boil and chop two pounds fresh beef, one half pound suet, five pounds apples, two pounds raisins, two pounds currants, three quarters pound citron, all clopped fine, two tablespoonfuls cinnamon, two tablespoonfuls mace, one whole nutmeg, one tablespoonful ground cloves, one tablespoonful salt, one half pint brandy, two and one half pounds brown sugar. Put in crock will keep all winter.

Mrs. E. Jarvis.

Shell, skin and chop the peanuts, or use mea cutter, add olive oil or melted butter to make a paste salt and dash of pepper if liked. AUNT LAVINIA.

Mexican Omelet

Beat four eggs slightly, just enough to blend yolks and whites, then add four tablespoonfuls wilk, one half tenspoonful salt, little pepper and four olives chopped fine, put two tablesponfuls olive oil in spider and when well heated turn in mixture, as it cooks prick and pick up with a fork, until the whole is a creamy consistency. Place on hotter part of range and let brown quickly, fold over and serve hot.

Mus. Otto Petersen.

One and one half cups sugar brown preferably, one half cup butter, one and one half cups butterflik, one and half cups butterflik, one and half cups raisins chopped, or one half raisins and one half cup figs, one teaspoonful cloves, cinnamon, one half teaspoonful allispice, one and one half teaspoonfuls (level) soda, two and one half cups flour.

For Filling

One and one half cups sugar (brown), one half cup cream, cook till it is about like fudge. When nearly cold stir in chopped raisins and figs, beat till creamy and spread between cake and on top.

MRS. JAS. DORSEY.

Fish Omelet

Soak sait codish over night. In the morning put on n cold water, cook until it boils. Turn off and add nore cold water, bring to boil and fish should be done. Break up and to one cup fish add one level table-poonful each of flour and butter cooked together, add rendually three quarters cup bot milk and little pepper. Sook until smooth but not too thick. Add rest of fish and wor cups cold chopped potatoes. Put a tablespoonful outter in spider, when hot, turn in the fish and cook dowly until a thick brown crust is 'rmed, then turn over and serve on hot platter with bacon.

Mrs. Della Garnett.

Filled Cookies

Make any good sugar cookies, roll very thin, bake quickly. To one cup chopped dates add one half cap chopped nuts, one half cup water, one tablespoonful sugar, one teaspoonful four, cook all together until smooth, use as filling between two cookies.

To be used in the same way. Juice and grated rind of one lemon, one cup seedless raisins, one half cup chopped nuts, two tablespoonfuls water, one tenspoon-ful sugar, cook same as above. L. M. D.

Good Old Songs We All Love

By special request from many of our readers we print the words of a few songs and will continue to do so each month as space allows. We invite our readers to send in the words of popular old songs which they think would please our six millions of readers. In copying, give each line of poetry a line by itself, do not run it in, as though solid. Please write on one side of paper only.

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Miss Edith Route, St. Paul, Minn, No. 708 Vir-nia Ave., would like to see these songs printed in OMFORT: "The Beauty of the West," "Hope and orrow" and "I love My Wife, but Oh you Kid."

Will any reader of Comfort send the words of the old song entitled "My Old Cabin Home." The first line of which is: "I am going far away, far away to leave you now." Direct to W. J. Weaver, 912 Sixth Ave., New Brighton, Pa.

Will any reader having an old song containing these words please send it direct to Mrs. J. M. McKill, Ralston, Okla.

Can anyone send the poem entitled "The Drunkard's Bride," the first few lines of which run as follow:

Bride," the first few lines of which ran as collow:

"Eager she listened to the pattering sleet
Out in a cold deserted street;
Listened to hear the well-known tread,
Of one who gained her love—"
HIGH GILL, Tecumseh, Okla.
I would also like poems entitled "The Wild Cowboy,"
and "Anna Brant."

"The Blind Girl"

"They say, dear papa, that tonight, You'll wed another bride: That you will class per in your arms, Where my poor mamma died.

"That she shall lean her graceful head, Upon your loving breast;" Where she, who now lies low in death, In her last hours did rest.

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Mrs. W. H. Gannett. Wife of the Publisher of COMFORT.

Mrs. W. H. Gannett, Wife of the Publisher of COMFORT, Writes that She Would Not Take \$1,000 for Her 1900 Washer

lays of the year, and as twas a nice time for me to give it a good that twas a nice time for me to give it a good that the surprised to find how quickly and easily a large washing could be apply surprised to find how quickly and easily a large washing could be apply surprised to find how quickly and easily a large washing could be done without my getting so very tired. Thus I was able to do my washing, hang out my clothes and visit my friends out of the City all in the forenoon. At another time I arrived home at ten o'clock Monday morning and as the woman I had engaged to help me was ill at home, the 1900 Washer again came to my rescue and I was able to get the washing all done before noon. The more my servants use it the better they like it, and we could not keep house without the 1900 Washer. It has saved the price of the machine many times and there is no wear and tear on the clothes washed in this way.

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"Oh, papa do not bid me come, To meet your new-made bride; I cannot greet her in the room Where my dear mamma died.

"Her picture hanging on the wall, fler Bible lying near; And there's the harp her fingers touched, And, there's her vacant chair.

"The chair, whereby I used to kneel.
To say my evening prayers;
Dear papa it would break my heart
I could not greet her there.

"I know I love you, papa dear, But how I long to go; Where God is bright and I am sure, There will be no blind ones there.

"Now let me kneel down by your side,
To our dear Sawler pray,
That Gol's right hand may lead you both
Up Life's long, weary way.

"Then as I cry myself to sleep, As, now I always da; Then softly to my chamber creep, My new-made mamma, and you.

"The prayer was offered and a song,
'I'm weary now.' she said;
'Oh, papa take me in your arms,
And lay me on my bed.'

"Then, as he turned to leave the room.
One joyful cry was given;
He turned and cought the last sweet smile,
His blind child was in Heaven!

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Elra, you want the to sheat a way to be are all the brunt of uncle's wrath! ould I think of myself, to do such a lserable act?"

iw you couldn't do anything mean. Ind uncle's storming at me one bit! I just as I should a magnificent thunder ich as scares everybody else to death! in't bear to see him rage at you, for uncle blows you up, it is because of me, into all our troubles together. Or at lraw you into all my troubles!"

mind, Elva! It has been man's doom e Eve got Adam into the precious scrape g the apple-tree!" said Augustus, I ughhumoredly.

ere just entering the grounds of Elmsas past ten o'clock, and when they drove door, they found the front of the house

Mrs. Rock asked after Amy, and the baby mence. And when she had received satis-answers, she lighted a candle, and put e hands of Augustus saying: re. young man, you know your room, go while I take this child to her mother. wht."

Gusty!" said Elva, running and face for a kiss. Fire Fly," said Gusty, lifting her

Well, Elva?"
want you to save that suit of uniform for

of t and show it to you when you are a gray-ied post captain."
Yes, Elva, I will save this uniform, and bring ack to you when I come." and he inwardly re-ed to wear it but a few times, and put it y to keep uniarnished for Elva. Iva was half delirious with delight and ad-tion. Suddenly her manner changed—her ht face was overshadowed.
You are almost a man now, Mr. Gusty," she

Well, what of that, Elva?"
'm only a little girl."
'And what of that?"
'You'll go and fall in love with a grown-up

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EANWHILE Augustus and Elva rode on through the woods.

Oh! I do love you better than anybody but you."

"So do I you, Elva! Only I won't let me tell you so when you get ung lady."

The day at last came for Gusty's departure, whole world for me."

The day at last came for Gusty's departure, though, Gusty! I do believe you'd do i the world for me."

So too, Elva.

"Oh, Gusty! I do believe you'd do i the world for me."

So too, Elva.

"Oh, Gusty! I do love you better the parting like a Trojon! On taking leave, she threw herself for the last lime around Gusty's neck, exclaiming as usual:

"Oh, Gusty! I do love you better the parting like a Trojon! On taking leave, she threw herself for the last lime around Gusty's neck, exclaiming as usual:

"Oh, Gusty! I do love you best of all in the whole world!"

"And so do I you, Elva! But you won't say you love me when I come back!"

"And so do I you as when you get home—you take and go back to Brighton quietly, ing a word to anybody."

And so without sentimentality or tears, the low and girl separated. Gusty entered the car
Though, Gusty! I do believe you'd do i the world for me."

"Oh, Gusty! I do love you best of all in the world for me."

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"Oh, Gusty! I do love you best of all in the world for the last in the world for me."

"Oh was a server we get home—you take and go back to Brighton quiety, ing a word to anybody."

"If I don't you may call me a traitoress!"

And so without sentimentality or tears, the for complete t

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worse for poor Elva was the fact, her mother and her aunty had gone to Brighton to see Gusty off. And the house was left to herself, and Betty, aer maid. So Elva mourned with no one to comfort her. (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 18.)

CHAPTER VIII.

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It was a glorious morning in early summer—some five years after the events related in our last chapter.

The sun had risen in cloudless splendor. There was gladness in the radiant morning sky, in the fresh, elastic air in the sparkle and flash of the emerald waves, in the dance of the dewy leaves, in the smiles of the blooming flowers, and rapture in the jubilant carrolling of a thousand birds that sent up their morning song of praise and thanksgiving.

Beach Cotage standing in the midst of this scene was a perfect gem of rural beauty. The old fields were covered with a fine growth of sweet clover. The young trees planted by Clemence had grown up forming a pleasant grove. The sweet choneysuckle, and fragrant white jasmine, and the climbing rose, set and trained by Clemence, had run all over the walls and windows of the house. And upon this glorious summer morning, Clemence had come out into the flower garden to enjoy the fresh, invigorating air. She stood carelessly under the arch of morning-glories, a very goddess of joyous life and health, and summer and sunshine.

While Clemence stood enjoying the morning flootsteps, and then by the sound of rapid footsteps, and them by the sight of a young woman in wild attire, flying like a hunted hare towards the house.

Clemence impulsively opened the gate, and the creature fled in frantically and stood leaning with her back against it, panting with haste and terror.

She was a young and pretty woman—pretty, convitthstending the

creature fled in frantically and stood leaning with her back against it, panting with haste and terror.

She was a young and pretty woman—pretty, notwithstanding the windness of her staring black eyes and the disorder of her long black hair. Her head and feet were bare, and her white gown was spotted win green stains from the grass, and torn by briars, as also were her bleeding feet and arms.

A mere glance had assured Clemence that she was insane. She took her hand, and gently pressing it said:

"You look thred and faint; come in and rest yourself, and take breakfast with us."

The stranger drew away her hand, and looked Clemence from head to foot. But she suddenly sprang up, glanced around, and trembling violently, grasped the gate for support. It was but the trampling of a colt through the clover that had startled her.

"Do not be frightened; there is nothing that can hurt you; you are safe here."

"No, poor girl!"

"No, poor one, no destroyer comes near us here; see how quief and peaceful everything is:"

The wanderer slowly shook her head with a cunning, bitter smile, that looked stranger on her fair face them the madness itself had looked.

"So it was there," she said, "but the Destroyer was at hand, and the thunder of terror and destruction burst upon our quiet home—but I forgot—the fair spirlt said I was not to think of that—such thoughts would invoke the fiend again," added the poor creature, smoothing her forehead with both hands, and then flinging them wide as if to dispel and cast away some painful concentration there.

"Look at the flowers," said Clemence, are they not beautiful this morning?"

The stranger's face softened into sweet tenderness.

"Yes," she said very slowly, "the flowers were always very kind to me—they never change to

not beautiful this morning?"

The stranger's face softened into sweet tencerness.

"Yes," she said very slowly, "the flowers were always very kind to me—they never change to me as others change—they never call me 'Crazy Nan,' nor 'Poor Nan'—they don't seem to think I am so—and they smile on me, and love me as if I were another flower."

"And so you are, a broken, storm-beaten flower—but a flower that may yet bloom in Paradise," thought Clemence, as she reached her hand to gather a white lily and hand it to the stranger.

But the hand of the poor girl prevented her. 'Oh, do not break the lily! If you knew what a heavenly message the white lily brings," she said. "and oh, if you knew how sad it is to be broken off and never find your root of life again! I was broken off but the broken flowers are happier than I am, for they die."

"Because you are immortal and must live to recover, in another and a better world, the treasure you have lost here." said Clemence, gravely and sweetly.

"I know—I know!" murmured the maniac; "but why am I shut out so long?"

"We cannot tell—we must all wait our time. But come into the house. Nanny you said your name was Nanny, did you not?"

"Ites," said the stranger, suddenly changing her manner, and breaking into song:

"They called me dark-eyed Nannie, when friends and fortune smiled,

"They called me dark-eyed Nannie, When friends and fortune smiled But fortune proved uncannie, And now I'm Serrow's child!"

"They called me darkeyed Namle, When friends and fortune milled, But fortune proved uncanale, "And now I'm Serrow's chill!"

"And now I'm Serrow's chill!"

"Well, Sorrow is not an unkind mother in the end, poor Nannie—be sure of that. And coef in and lie down on the stage, and rest, while in the discovered stage, and rest, while in the same expression of cunning came again into the poor creature's face, as she said "In the house? No. no. Nanny has feered something; Nanny known has been described to the house?" No. no. Nanny has feered something; Nanny known has been down the house in the house the bestroyer found us, and we couldn't get out! No, no! a fair field and no favor, and Nanny will outly the new house! They were at the threshold. They were at the threshold. They were at the threshold in the stage of the stage of the stages." Said the poor creature, pulling back. In an the doomed and Fate follows in my foot time house? I mught not to have be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you be gentle and good and no harm can touch you more considered. They were at the threshold.

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"Why? Love is life. You had as well tell me not to live as not to love. Poor sister! I have not known you an hour, yet your sorrows so touch me that my heart goes out towards you, and I want to bring you into our home and take care of you," said Clemence, gently. "You do?" said the wanderer, incredulously. "Heaven knows I do!" I wish to nurse you back to health and calmness."

"Then I would not for the world bring so much evil to you. Yet it is a lovely place to die in with loving faces around."

"But it is a better place to live in. Come, drive away all these evil fancies. and let me take you into the cottage," said Clemence, taking her hand.

Yielding to the influence of the young girl,

hand.
Yielding to the influence of the young girl, poor Nanny suffered herself to be led a few steps towards the cottage; then with a piercing shriek, she suddenly snatched her hand away, crying.

Amy out. She came, leading little isa by the hand.

Amy was scarcely changed in these five years —a life without excitement, or privation, or toil —a life of regularity—of easy household duties, and quiet family affections, had restored and preserved her maiden beauty.

But lovely as the young mother was, you would scarcely have looked at her a second time while she held the child by her hand—so marvellous was the fascination of that little-creature's countenance. She wore a black dress like her mother's for Amy would have it so.

Amy still leading the little girl, advanced to Clemence's side, where she still stood at the garden gate.

Chemence's side, where she still stood at the garden gate.
"I heard a scream, Clemence, dear—what was

Clemence pointed to the old elm tree outside e cottage gate, under the shade of which stood e poor girl, pressing her side and panting for eath.

breath.

"Amy, do you see that young woman? She it *cas."

"Good Heavens!" exclaimed Amy, turning a shade paler, and beginning with trembling fingers to unfasten the gate.

"Why, do you know her, Amy?"

"Yes—yes! My dear, it is Nanny Norriss! I thought she was in some asylum at the north" said Amy, going up to the wanderer. "Nanny Norriss!" she said taking her thin hand, and looking in her crazed eyes, and hastily putting both arms around her neck and kissing her.

"Do you kiss me?" asked the poor creature, in amazement.

Clemence grew pale, with the words and manner of this sybil; and then "nonsense!" she thought, and with a smile, roused herself to shake off the chill that was creeping upon in. "Feel! the air! the air!" said Nanny, lifting

"Feel! the air! the air!" said Nanny, lifting her hand.
"Yes, it is going to rain," said Amy. "Come in dear, Nanny."
But Nanny did not hear—the fitful, uncertain creature had seized the hand of the child Isa, and was gazing alternately upon the lines in the palm and upon the fervid, eloquent face.
"W. at is this? Oh! what is this?" she said sweeping the black tresses back from her bending brow, and fastening her eyes upon 's palm. "What can it mean? A deep line from the Mount of Venus crosses the line of life, and forks into the line of death! A great sun in the plain of Mars—a cloud in the Vale of Mercury! and where the lines of life and death meet a sanguine spot and a great star. I cannot read it! In a boy's hand it would betoken a hero's (CONTINUED ON PAGE 35.)

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scure and unimportant family; but such is not westward in an unfaltering course, the fact, for many other Lincolns, blood relations

This enterprising, empire-b made the name illustrious in American history be- and placed in their hands the destiny of the world fore he attained a degree of greatness that capped the climax of its renown and placed it beside that of Washington on the scroll of fame.

American soil was Samuel Lincoln, a staunch Quaker, who Pennsylvania. emigrated from the west of England about twenty years after the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 at Plymouth Rock, and which then covered what is now the town of Hingham, Massachusetts.

whose numerous descendants in succeeding generations appear many names prominent in the annals of New England, Virginia and Pennsylvania, conspicuous examples of ability, integrity and patriotism.

Levi Li icoln, eldest son of the former of that name was Governor of Massachusetts.

Enoch Lincoln, another son of the elder Levi, a prominent twice elected Governor of Maine. Before the end of his second read or write. term he died at Augusta, the home of COMFORT, October 8,1829, cutting short a brilliant and promising career at forty years of age. Much beloved by the people, the State honored him with a public funeral and buried his remains in a granite tomb erected Kennebec river in Augusta and in front of the State Capitol, the make a scrawl which passed for his signature. corner stone of which he had laid with appropriate ceremonies but a few days before his untimely death.

Jacob Lincoln, son of "Virginia John," and great uncle of President Lincoln, as a lieutenant in a Virginia regiment took part in the battle of Yorktown in the Revolutionary war.

Abraham Lincoln, a more distant relative of the President, was a leading citizen of Berks County, Pennsylvania, and held many important offices between 1787 and 1806, and judgment and sound common sense, and was respected other members of this family have held prominent positions as a man of uncompromising integrity and honor, exemin the Keystone State.

LIHCOLM SPETTING RAILS FOR ME CRAME GED

for we have mentioned only a few of his many de- to fight for his rights when driven to do so. scendants that achieved distinction in the several States in which they settled.

That pioneer instinct which braved all of America was the impelling force which fered many hardships such as had saddened branch of the Lincoln family and kept limit of her educational attainment. dominated the destinies of the President's his ancestors for generations before the advancing frontier of civiliza-

Because Abraham Lincoln sprang from tion, ever in the forefront of that host of bold such poor and humble parentage his wonder- and hardy adventurers which, subduing the ful career is regarded by many as a meteoric forbidding wilderness and the hostile savage, flash of genius emanating from an otherwise ob- carried the triumphant star of Anglo-Saxon empire

This enterprising, empire-building spirit of of his, who had held high positions in the nation the liberty-loving common people of Great Britain and in their respective colonies and states, had and America is what has made these two nations great

The President's ancestry is traced from Samuel Lincoln, the Quaker emigrant, through his fourth son Mordecai, a wealthy iron worker, whose son Mordecai, Jr. The first of President Lincoln's ancestors to set foot on moved from Massachusetts to New Jersey, and thence to

John Lincoln, or "Virginia John" as he was called, son of the second Mordecai, sold the three hundred acres of land built him a house and cleared a farm in the primeval forest in New Jersey which his father left him, and moved to Virginia about 1758.

There he raised a large family including four sons, among the two hundred acres with which his father started him in hose numerous descendants in succeeding generations appear life in the wilds of western Virginia, now Rockingham County, Abraham Lincoln, son of "Virginia John," prospered on but he caught the western "fever" from the stream of settlers that Pennsylvania, conspicuous examples of ability, integrity and iotism.

Were flocking into the almost unexplored regions of Kentucky. So he sold his Virginia lands and took his wife and five children into the Kentucky wilderness to build a new home and clear a sold his virginia lands are home. served as a captain of artillery under Washington; three who farm. This was a dangerous undertaking because Kentucky was fought in the navy during the Revolution; Levi Lincoln, one of so overrun with hostile Indians that out of a population of thirty the Massachusetts' minute-men of 1775, the leading lawyer of his State, Attorney General of the United States under President twenty families dared live in houses outside the forts and stock-Jefferson and later Secretary of State, appointed Judge of the ades. This Abraham Lincoln, the Kentucky pioneer, was shot U. S. Supreme Court but declining the honor as he had that of a and killed by Indians in 1788, while working on his land with his seat in the Continental Congress, he was elected Lieutenant-three sons. He was the grandfather, not the father of President Lincoln as erroneously stated under the picture of his death scene.

His two elder sons, for some unknown reason appear to have inherited the father's property; the two daughters married well, but the youngest son, Thomas was turned adrift to shift for himlawyer, a talented writer, after serving four terms in Congress, was self at the tender age of ten years without having been taught to

The boy Thomas, destined to be the father of the President, wandering about and doing farmwork anywhere he could find employment, did well to support himself and to learn the carpenter's trade, without finding time or opportunity to acquire the first rudiat public expense, on the beautiful capitol grounds overlooking the ments of education, for he never learned to read or write except to

He has been unjustly represented as shiftless and indolent. While he was not remarkable for energy and ability, and never acquired more than a living and a home, he must have possessed an average measure of these qualities, else he could not have saved enough at twenty-five years of age to purchase the farm now famous as the birthplace of his son Abraham.

He was credited by his neighbors as possessing good Reystone State. plary morals and high principles, and though kind-hearted, The sturdy progenitor of the Lincoln family in pleasant and easy in his dealings, and inclined to be America must have come of uncommon good stock, charitable to the failings of others, he had sufficient grit

In 1806 he married Nancy Hanks, a beautiful young woman of superior mental and moral qualities, but who, left an orphan at nine years of age, hardships and dangers in the early settlement in growing up in that rude community had suf-

> She was a remarkable woman, his birth ever pushing forward on considering the disadvantages under (CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.)

> > Episodes in Early Life of Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln's Wonderful Career

the new territory of Indiana. By the upsetting of his boat in ferrying across the river he lost all but one barrel of his whiskey and nearly lost his life.

IN THE VIRGIN FOREST OF INDIANA he built a log house for himself and family and cleared a farm fifteen miles north of the Ohio river in Spencer county, about a mile and a half east of Gentryville. His nearest neighboss were miles dissiant.

Here two years later his wife died he huried her almost without prayer or other ceremony under the trees in a rude box made by himself; and it was nine-year-old Abe whose efforts brought an itinerant preacher from Kentucky three months later to perform a Christian funeral service at his mother's grave.

The year succeeding the death of Nancy Hanks Lincoln was indeed sad and desolate in the Lincoln home until Thomas Lincoln married as his second wife Sally Bush Johnson of Kentucky, a widow with three children. She was a most estimable woman and did her best to fill the place of mother to young Abraham who showed his gratitude by filial affection, respect and obedience.

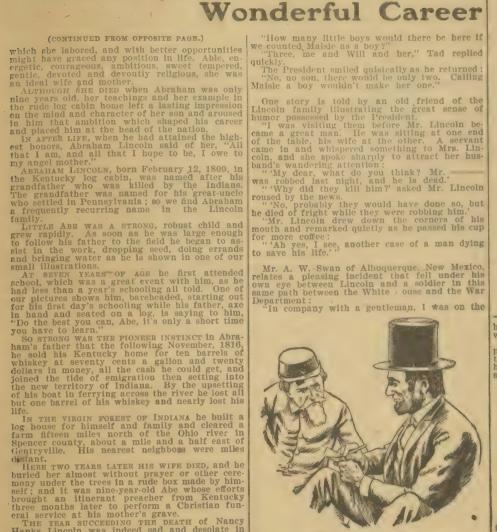
Here young Abraham grew up to manhood. He was tall, large framed and strong, and apt and skillful at any kind of work, and besides helping his father he frequently hired out to the neighbors at twenty-five cents a day, and one of our small cuts shows him trudging away to a day's work while yet a boy. Among the young folks he was universally popular and the acknowledged leader in all their sports and interests.

Here also the attended to be barred out of all spelling matches because the side that had first choice would always choose him and so would be sure to win. He was a fine penman and wrote many letters for the neighbors.

He was a Giant in statuthe and strength, excelled in all athletic sports, and it was claimed that with the axe he could do the work of three men in felling trees.

It was here that he split rails for Josiah Crawford as shown in our illustraton, and also dug the Crawford well, cut corn and whip-sawed lumber for Mr. Crawford.

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LINCOLN AND THE WRATHY SOLDIER ..

The Ying Succession the Dearn of Nancy Hanks Lincoln was indeed and desolate in the subject of t





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he exclaimed, "Hello, comrade, do you know when your feet get cold?"

At an early age Lincoln developed a talent for penmanship and he was continually practicing the art. The following is a facsimile of one of his youthful efforts at composition and penmanship reproduced from one of his first copy-books.

Ollocham Lincoln

his hand and pin.

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A Few of "Old Abe's" Jokes

As Lincoln's Innumerable Witticisms Were Affectionately and not Irreverently Called

Affectionately and not presently Called

A woman one time insisted upon appealing to President Lincoln to have the enlistment of her husband set aside. She cried until her tears threatened to inundate the President. At the same time she showed such a temper that even the patience of the Great Sympathizer was exhausted and so he said as soon as he could make himself heard:

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The First President

e were several presidents before George gton. Now boys before you say that John is gone crazy let me explain. The an colonies were united and the successive of building the republic commenced be first Continental congress met in 1774, esident of that congress and the several residents who succeeded him were chosen y the American people in defiance of authority. They were therefore chief ates in every sense of the word. While do office Washington was a general in the cting under their orders. Most of the fibis illustrious list are unfamiliar to of the average schoolboy. The very first to of the United Colonies Peyton h of Virginia. He was unanimously at the initial meeting but resigned one ater on account of illness. Here Middle-South Carolina succeeded him. He was ann and served only until the next meetheld. At the second meeting Randolph lected but he again resigned and was suched beclaration of Independence was and his signature is perhaps the boldest.

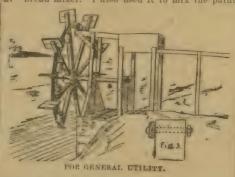
A Bird Trap



the arrangement plain. Let me know how this in fourteen moves pl. works.

A Water Motor

I have a motor in my home like the one pictured here and I know it is a practical article. I first sawed out a circular piece of one inch board twelve inches in dism. pictured here and I know R is a practical article. I first sawed out a circular piece of one inches in diam etc. With a smaller saw I know R is a practical article. I first sawed out a circular piece of one inches in diam etc. With a smaller saw I know R is a smaller saw I know to know a know correct we cannot always solve of: er problems correct we cannot always solve of: er problems and the appaint to you correct we cannot always solve of: er problems are correct we cannot always solve of: er problems and the appaint to you correct we cannot always solve of: er problems that you may have heard. We do not want to correct we cannot always solve of: er problems are the care was piece and the appaint to you correct. So is the care was piece and the arger one between two numbers is 36, and the larger one between two numbers is 36



that I used in painting my house. In the country where there is no city water pressure you can get considerable power by using water from an ele-vated tank or by using a force pump.

A Trick with String

This amusing trick is called, "Chewing a string together." It is performed without any preparation or apparatus in the following simple manner. Procure a piece of cord two feet long and after tying the ends together permit the audience to examine it.

Now grasp the loop with both lands and twist lands.



A Little Nonsense

Ask one of your friends if he can say "lady" three times without saying "delay" twice. Of course he will indigmantly say that he can but you may rest assured that he cannot. If you don't believe it try it yourself, repeating the word slowly and giving full value to each syllable. "La(-dy, la), dy, la)dy. Say it over a few dozen times and my meaning will be clear. You may also be quite positive in telling him that he cannot spell "coffee-pot," without saying "fea-pot." The catch comes in like this "c-o-f-f-ee, coffee, po-(-t, pot). Notice that when you say the letter "t" in spelling "pot," and immediately after pronounce the word "pot," you are certainly eaught in the act of saying "tea-pot."

Bouncing Bubbles

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A Matter of Conscience

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Still later, in the beginning of the new century, among other items given relatives to our brave boys in the far-away Philippines, was the following:

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Misses' Russian Dress

Russian Dress No. 3149 is again with us, will be welcome news to those who do own sewing. There is no more practical or ing model for young girls. They are nobby omfortable. The materials most suited for dresses are of the heavy, rough-faced wools, orduroy. The belt, collar and cuffs may a contrasting color braided, or of the same ed with rows of stitching. As illustrated, de closing is used for blouse, with three do ornaments. Or, the blouse may be buttot belt, using five or six good-sized fancy is. The skirt is gored with inverted plait iter back, and finished at bottom with a nuch hem. This design is cut in three 13 to 17 years. Size 15 years requires four the third yards 42 inches wide.

Two New Skirt Models

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mid-winter models are little | Plain Waists Are Much in Vogue

Inches wide, or one and seven eightus facts inches wide.

Ladies' Princess Slip No. 2565, is designed to be worn as an undergarment for one-piece dresses. It will also be found useful for other dresses. It will also be found useful for other and the worn as an undergarment for one-piece dresses. It will also be found useful for other and the waist, it gives a perfect angling petition; it is cut in both round and square neck, making it useful for sack or corset cover, cut off at the hip line. This pattern is cut in seven sizes, 32 to 44 bust, requiring is cut in seven sizes, 32 to 44 bust, requiring is round length for a 36 bust, six and one half yards of material 36 inches wide.

Another which has many uses is a Ladies waist or Lining pattern, No. 2990. It is close fitting, the perforated lines at top indicating two different waist nnes. As illustrated, it is fitted by means of darts which is should be carefully basted, beginning at the bottom edge and basting to top of dart. It as oft front is required, do not cut out darts. It may be 'ned at either front or back, if in front, is required, do not cut out darts. It may be 'ned at either front or back, if in front, and which you can develop in any material. Four weak allowance for lap. This pattern provides a two-piece sleeve pattern which will be useful for making over purposes. This pattern provides a two-piece sleeve pattern which will be useful for making over purposes. This pattern is cut in eight sizes, 32 to 46 bust. Size 36 requires two and three eighths yards of material 36 inches wide.

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Some Pretty Designs for Children

For Those Who Embroider

There is a revival of the Wheat Pattern for embroidered shirt-waists, and No. 8076 is a very charming design. It may be done in French embroidery, or the leaves worked solid, and ithe wheat heads in eyelet which would be very effective. Winter evenings are a good time to embroider our next summer shirt-waists.

A Laundry Bag in each chamber is indispensable, and with a little labor they may be ornamental as well. No. 8090 has a spray of flowers and the word "Laundry," each being ten inches long. It may be transferred to ticking, denim, linen or plain glagham, and heavily outlined with coarse mercerized cotton. Ind bag with tape or a blas strip of the material. Hang by loops of same material as binding, or by several

small brass rings sewed across top. It is well to reinforce top of bag by sewing an inch wide lengthwise strip across back, and stitching several times.

A pretty novelty in a Smoker's Pillow is illustrated in No. 8060. The transfer design is 18 by 18 unches to be put on a 22-inch pillow of tancolored denim or art cloth. The outline of the face should be done with pink, hair and pipe brown, daisies white with yenow centers, and smoke a light gray-blue. The edge may be left plain, or finished with cord or ruffle.

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essons from the Life @ Character of Washington

UGUSTINE WASHINGTON, father of the first President, belonged to the old Virginia aristocracy; a large landed proprietor, owning thousands of acres of fertile land along the Potemac river and many slaves, he was rich for those days, and gave his children every advantage in the way of education. His first wife, Jane Butler, died leaving three young children, and he married as his second wife Mary Ball, a beautiful, intellient, accomplished, energetic and prudent woman, kindly but resolute, and a devout Christian. The first child of this second marriage was George, born February 22, 1732.

Respect and Affection for His Mother

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Both of George's parents were patterns for a child to follow, and everybody now knows how his father praised him for his truthfulness in regard to the "little hatchet" incident. But the father died when George was only twelve years old, and much of the latter's success in the eventful career through which Providence led him he attributed to the principles of probity and religion which his mother instilled into his young mind, and, needless to say, he always manifested the greatest reverence for her.

It was in deference to her wishes that he put aside his youtful ambition for a naval career and declined, while yet a boy, an appointment as midshipman. At that time there was no naval school, and those destined to be officers in the navy were selected from the promising sons of influential gentlemen, appointed midshipmen and commenced their naval education on board a warship, often as young as twelve or fourteen years of age. Our cut is taken from a famous englaving of this interview between Washington and his mother on the result of which, as subsequent events transpired, so much of the world's history and the destinles of America depended; for, had Washington entered the British navy as a boy he never could have rendered his country any such service as he did.

Power of a Mother's Influence

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This is one of the most notable examples of truth and wisdom of Napoleon's famous ring, that "She who rocks the cradle rules the rid," and ought to impress every mother with incalculable extent of the influence of her cept and example on the lives and characters her children, and should make her feel a corponding measure of responsibility.

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God has given the mothers a sphere of action and usefulness higher, nobler and more important than politics or the battle-field, and it is most serious question whether woman sufage added to the other present-day interests hat tend to distract a woman's attention from the care of her children will not do more harm agood. If Mrs. Washington had given her me to racing over the country as a suffrage gitator instead of devoting her life to the cast of the country as a suffrage gitator instead of devoting her life to the cast she could have exercised such an influence of forming the character and shaping the desting her illustrious son?

The shining examples of the mothers of Lindan and Washington show that neither the hardings of extreme powerty nor the distracting alternating her sacred duty to her children.

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As a colonel, at the age of twenty, he issued an order prohibiting profanity in his regiment and imposing a penalty for any violation.

As commander-in-chief in the Revolutionary war he issued the following as a general order:

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Washington Was a Sincere Christian

Washington Was a Sincere Christian Washington was much distregsed because during the first year of the war of independence the religious interests of his troops had not been looked after, and he wrote Congress earnestly soliciting that chaplains be supplied to the army. In his letter is the following expression of his abiding faith:

"The blessing and protection of Heaven are at all times necessary, but especially so in times of public distress and danger. The general hopes and trusts that every officer and man will endeavor to live and act as becomes a Christian solidier."

Washington Was Not Bigoted in His Religion

tend church on Sunday, and though a member of the Episcopal church, then called "The Church of England," he was always glad to attend the divine service of any other denomination when he happened to be in a place where his own church was not represented.

When his army was near Morristown. New Jersey, he called on Rev. Dr. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to inquire whether the rules of that church permitted church-members of other denominations to partake of its holy communion service which was to be celebrated the next Sunday.

"Certainly," replied the good minister. "Ours is not the Presbyterian table, General, but the Lord's table; and we give the Lord's invitation to all his followers, of whatever name."

"I am glad of it." said Washington. "That is as it should be. But, as I was not quite sure of the fact, I thought I would ascertain it from yourself, as I propose to join you on that occasion. Though a member of the Church of England, I have no exclusive partialities."

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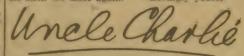
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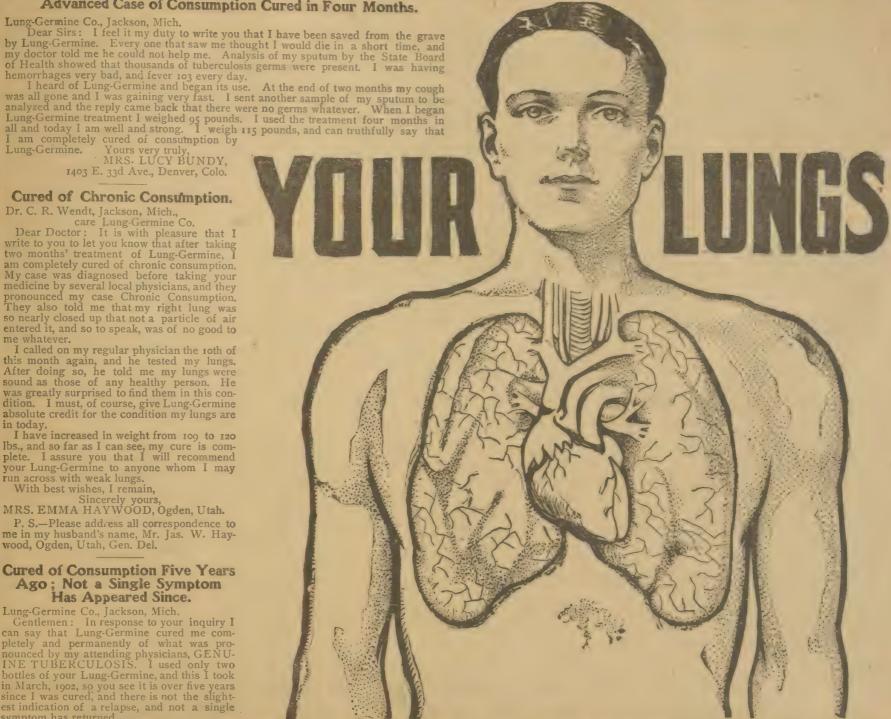
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As long as Guy paid the bill Agnes could not demur to the price, although remembering a time when she had taught a district school for one dollar per week and boarded arou. d besides, she thought three dollars far too much. But Guy had commanded, and she wrote another note, which he approved, and sealing it up sent it dows to the red cottage.

CHAPTER IX.

COMFORT







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An Unwilling Bride Or, The Heart's Rebellion

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 19.)

areer, and a glorious death inta victorious field but in a girl's! What can it mean when found n a girl's! Stop!" and she peered into the land for a moment in deep silence, and then her ace lighted up, her eyes burned intensely and nee more she broke forth in improvisation:

"Thou shalt be blessed as maiden fair, was never blessed before, And the heart of thy belov'd shall be most gentle, kind and pure, But thy red hand shall be lifted at duty's stern behest.

And give to fell destruction the head thou lov'st best."

over our heads."

s going to weep! Nature mourns for her child! Hark! I hear the step of him meth! Fly, fair one! fly! Stay not here n to the voice of the charmer, charm he owisely!" cried the wild creature as she off towards the woods.

ence and Amy looked after her with the compassion.

and promising young men in Lancashire, night their house was attacked, and her and her husband murdered, and her home before her eyes. She fell into the of the rioters! She went mad from that She was sent to one of the best asylums, e property she inherited was placed in the of a trustee—old Mr. Evans; and now is dead and she is out, I don't know till be done."

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o friends, no relatives? She must do to wander in this way," said tears swimming in her eyes. The said tears swimming in her eyes. The said tears swimming in her eyes. The said tear young cousin Ernest Brent, who ad at a German University these does not be said to said the property. We must get said to be will probably overtake her in the y be able to persuade her to come to it is said tell Mott to keep her in the is in some place of safety."

The Following Nineteen Persons Received \$1.00 Each

John Mortenson, Muskegon, R. D. 6, Mich. C. A. rown, No. 2708 Sturgis St., Fort Huron, Mich. Mrs. ertha Stringer, Galena, R. D. 3, Ohlo, Mr. John olland, 172-34th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Eva Clair

The Following 100 Women Received a Consolation Prize of One Dollar Each

Galena, R. D. S. Unio.
St. Brooklyn, N. Y. Eva
N. Y. Hazel Maxson, Shinglebitson, Hotel Vannear, Somerset,
d. Meadowbrook, W. Va. Edw.
rekshire P., Irvington, N. J.
61, Montpeller, R. D. 9, 104

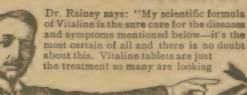
December Cash Prizes Paid We have paid to the following named persons the December Cash Prizes. Notice that all the big prizes were paid double and that the first eleven \$1.00 prizes were also doubled.

Get your name in this list next month. It pays and it makes you feel good.

Look over our Great Subscription Prize offer, and enter now for a February cash prize. February prize competition is just opening so you stand as good a chance as anybody for a February prize.

December Prize-Winners

FREE Dollar Bottle Vitaline YOU PAY NOTHING FOR IT



135 for, what they should have and must have to be made strong, vigorous and healthy. It makes no difference how weak you are nor how long you have had your trouble, Vitaline tablets will easily overcome it—they will not fail nor disappoint you.

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HEART WEAKNESS—Fluttering, Skipping, Pal-pitation Pain in Heart, Side or Shoulder Blade, Short Breath, Weak, Sinking, Cold or Dizzy Spells, Swelling, Rheumatism, Throbbing in Evaltement or Festing.

BLOOD TROUBLES—General Debility, Paleness, yous, Rash, Sores, Ulcere, Pimples, Chilly or Feverish, Loss of Foods and Strength.

ENCLOSE 10 CENTS IN STAMPS OR COIN, for Postage, Packing, Etc. Dr. Rainey Medicine Co., Dept. 25, 152 Lake Street, Chicago. I enclose amount for postage and packing. Send at once by mail in plain package, \$1.00 bottle Vitaline Tablets, without cost or obligation to me.

ck. At least I shall tell Mott to keep her in inch, until she is in some place of safety."

"Do, dear Amy."

"Are you not coming?" said Amy, as she led rittle girl towards the house.

"In a moment, dear; I wish only to bind up is morning-glory that poor Nanny chanced to ill down as she ran through."

Amy disappeared in the cottage.

Clemence stood with both her rosy arms raised the act of binding up the vine, that with wealth of azure-hued, vase-shaped flowers, er-canopied her beautiful head like a triumphalch.

The light tramp of horse's feet fell upon her. She looked up, and with surprise lighting of dark blue eyes, beheld a gentleman mounted a fine black horse, that curvetted gracefully deapricously before the cottage gate.

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Smillingly the gentleman soothed and subdued e coquettish mood of his willful steed, and then recreanopied her beautiful head like a friumphal rech.

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HOME-MADE RECIPES

BELOW

You can stop the itching caused by eczems by using a lotion made by mixing 4 ounces of luxor, 4 tablespoonfuls of alcohol, and a half-pint of water. Apply this 3 or 4 times a day and allow to dry. Repeat until skin is restored to healthy condition. This remedy is splendid for salt rheum, rash and other skin eruptions. If your druggist doesn't happen to have luxor he can get it from his whole-saler, if he wants to be accommodating.

If your eyes tire easily and are dull and infiamed, you need an eye tonic. Get from your druggist one ounce of crystos and dissolve he in a pint of water. One or two drops of this in each eye every day is all that is required to strengthen your eyes and make them bright and sparkling. This tonic will not smart or burn and is a great aid to those who wear glasses. It makes the eyes appear brilliant and full of expression, and is used by several actresses admired for their beautiful eyes.

To make a good system tonic at home, get from your druggist one ounce of kardene, dissolve it in a half pint of alcohol, add one half teacupful of sugar and enough boiling water to make a full quart of tonic. Take a tablespoonful before each meal and before retiring. It will tone up your system, purify and enrich your blood, invigorate your liver give you an appetite and do away with that tired feeling. It is fine for clearing a sallow complexion and removing liver blotches, pimples and other symptoms of blood out of order.

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220, Winnfield, La. Mrs. Susie E. Maione, GliCity, Mo. Mrs. L. F. Thomas, East Atchison,
Mrs. Jesse Thornhill, Forest City, Mo. C. L.
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E. WAGONER, Galesburg, Ill., - 34 Prize \$50.00 doubled to \$100.00 MRS. E. BUTLER, Greenville, Ill., - 34 Prize \$10.00 doubled to \$20.00 ADA HUMPHREY, Weedbury, Ky., - 2nd Prize \$5.00 doubled to \$50.00 MRS. RALPH DOOLITILE, Fairment, W.Va., 4th Prize \$5.00 doubled to \$10.00 Mrs. Claude Miller, No. 51 N. High St., Lock aven Pa. Mrs. John Glenn. Collyer, R. D. 1, ans. Mrs. F. E. Mulkey, Box 226. Benton, III. Mrs. L. Gammon, No. 1508 N. Central Ave, Knoxville, enn. Mrs. Agnes Gness, No. 1102 Delaware St., emphis, Tenn. Mrs. Lula E. Blackman, No. 321. Georgia Ave., Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. N. J. Hudlow, ottdale, Ga. E. S. Patrick, Broadford, Va. Henry, McCord, Cataula, Ga. Mrs. Alice Warner, Redood Falls, Minn. Harvey Moffitt, St. Francis, Kans.

Enter Now for February Cash Prizes

COMFORT'S SECOND GRAND PRIZE OFFER

This Receipt Shows the Actual Results

Galesburg, Ill., May 8, 1909. \$675.00 cash prizes during the periods and my regularly earned premiums and E. W. WAGONER.

Of Patiently Pegging Away During Spare Time

through the entire six-month competition. He won six monthly prizes, and all of them, except his first month's prize, were paid double to him, and he won the Capital Grand Prize, too. This, of course, was done under our last year's prize offer which is the

He Came Near to Winning \$1,300.00

Which illustrates the extreme power of our doubling-thribbling process. He won only three monthly first prizes, but if he had won a first in-stead of a second prize the other three months, the doubling-thribbling process in combination with the Capital Grand Prize, which he did win would have given him the full \$1,300.00 limit in cash prizes, besides all his club premiums.

The opportunity is still open to you to win as much as \$700.00 be-tween this and the first day of May even if you have not entered yet.

Two Prizes and Big Money for a One Month Try

Seven of our Grand Prize Winners did the stunt of winning a monthly prize and a Grand Prize, too, all in one month, just by entering for one single month, and then dropping out; didn't even make a try in any other month. Three did the trick the first month and then dropped out; one the third month; one the fourth month, and two did not enter until the last month. two did not enter until the last month.

Perhaps you wonder how this could be done,how a Grand Prize for a six-month contest could

Any Time Without Forfeiting Your Right to a Grand Prize

The Grand Prizes are paid on May 8 to the winners in the six-month Grand Prize Contest, but, don't you see, as all subscriptions sent in count both ways, both on the monthly prize contest for

any reason you don't want to make a long pull

your prizes the bigger it pays. Even the small

ou would be surprised to know how easily some of them were won; some of the winners wrote us

Twice \$10.00 Makes \$70.00 in Two Months

863 CASH PRIZES—ALL SIZES \$1,300.00 the Limit to Any One Winner

This is our SECOND GRAND Combination PRIZE OFFER, and we make it the same as our GRAND JUBILEE PRIZE OFFER of last year, because that was such a great all-round success,—but this time WE OFFER MORE PRIZES

We paid \$675.00 to MR. E. WAGONER, of Galesburg, Ill., and \$350.00 to MISS ALICE WINTERS, of Grover Hill, Ohio, and large sums to MANY OTHER PRIZE-WINNERS, and HUNDREDS of SMALLER PRIZES of ONE to FIVE DOLLARS EACH easily won with little effort, all in accordance with our last year's PRIZE OFFER which proved to be

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

to them; and we now offer you an equal opportunity to WIN AS MUCH OR MORE.

THIS IS THE GREATEST COMBINATION PRIZE OFFER ever made, because these 863 CASH PRIZES are divided into six groups of monthly prizes, \$1.00 to \$300.00, 34 GRAND PRIZES, \$5.00 to \$250.00, and 525 consolation PRIZES of \$1.00 EACH for WOMEN and CHILDREN; so that one might win any ONE CASH PRIZE, or ANY NUMBER or combination of CASH PRIZES not exceeding seven and not MORE THAN \$1,300.00 in all to any one person, and in addition an unlimited number and value of club premiums.

WE PAY BIG CASH PRIZES MONTHLY, so that you don't have to pull through a long contest to win, and you don't have to wait to get the premiums that you earn and the money that you win.

WE HAVE PAID THE NOV. AND DEC. PRIZES

On the eighth day of January we paid the December cash prizes, and we print the names of the winners on another page of this paper.

The January prize competition closes January 31, and we shall pay the January prizes on the 8th day of February. You will see the names of the winners in March COMFORT.

159 PRIZES FOR FEBRUARY

FOR EACH AND EVERY MONTH of the six months beginning with NOVEMBER, 1909, and ENDING with APRIL, 1910, there is a SEPARATE and DISTINCT PRIZE competition for a separate and distinct list of MONTHLY CASH PRIZES to be paid at the end of each month.

THESE 863 SPECIAL, EXTRA, CASH PRIZES are paid, in addition to club premiums, to those who send us subscriptions to COMFORT. Prizes come thick and fast every month for six months.

The competition for February, the fourth month, begins on the first day.

ENTER NOW FOR FEBRUARY MONTHLY PRIZES

3rd Prize \$10.00 to \$30.00 4th Prize 5.00 to 15.00 1st Prize \$50.00 to \$200.00 1st Prize \$50.00 to \$200.00 2nd Prize 25.00 to 75.00 30 Prizes \$1.00 to \$3.00 Each

The first prize goes to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions in the month of February, the second prize is for the next largest number, and so on.

125 CONSOLATION PRIZES of \$1.00 each WILL BE PAID, 100 to WOMEN and 25 to CHILDREN UNDER 15 years of age, who ENTER THIS FEBRUARY COMPETITION and FAIL TO WIN a monthly prize. February prize competition opens on the first day of February and closes at midnight of the last day of the same month, and the February prizes will be paid on the 8th day of March.

LOTS OF PRIZES PAID EVERY MONTH

There will be a separate subscription prize competition in each of the months of February, March and April, and each of these months we shall award and pay 34 monthly cash prizes to the 34 persons who, during the particular months for which the prizes are awarded, send us the largest numbers of yearly subscriptions.

The monthly Prizes for February, March and April are the same, except that the first prize is \$50.00 to \$200.00 for February, \$50.00 to \$250.00 for March, and \$50.00 to \$300.00 for

be won in a single month. The solution is very simple, and is one of the most liberal and attractive features of our prize offer by which

You May Enter or Drop Out at

April, as explained further on.

Each mounthly contest (after November) opens on the first day of the month and ends at midnight of the last day of the same mouth. Subscriptions mailed on the last day of a month will be counted in on the contest for that month, provided the postmark on the envelope shows it. This gives an equal opportunity to everybody no matter how far off they live. The prizes for each month will be paid on the 8th day of the month following, which is as early as we can count up

GRAND PRIZES

To those who send us the largest number of yearly subscriptions between October 1, 1909, and midnight of April 30, 1910, we will pay the following grand prizes:

Capital Grand Prize, \$250.00 4th Grand Prize, \$40.00 2nd Grand Prize, 125.00 5th Grand Prize, 20.00 5th Grand Prize, 6th Grand Prize, 3rd Grand Prize, 65.00 6th Grand Prize 28 Grand Prizes of \$5.00 each, \$140.00

The Capital grand Prize goes to the one who sends in the largest number of subscriptions between detober 1, 1969, and the last day of next April, and the second grand prize is for the next largest number, and so on. These Grand Prizes come on top of the monthly cash prizes and regular club premiums, and therefore they are

of such a thing until it was invented by us especially for our Great Jubilee or which created such a sensation a year ago; so we give you the benefit of it se offer. It is a very simple process, but it produces suprisingly large results t those who win month after month. This is it. If you win a prize any month diately, and you will receive your regular club premiums, too, as fast as the is not all. If you win a monthly prize the next month, that is for two months mediately pay you double the amount of your second month's prize. You need the months; any prize one month and any prize from \$1.00 to \$50.00 the next months; any prize one month and any prize from \$1.00 to \$50.00 the next may act on the second month's nerice. Others won monthly prizes doubled and Grand Prizes in two months, three months, four and five The beauty of our combination prize offer is that ti secutive months thereafter will be doubled for you do good work and get big results quick, if

If you entered the January prize competition, don't fail to keep right on trying your level best through February, so to win a prize both months, because if you do win both months, as some always have, we pay you double your February monthly prize.

But of course the longer you stick to it winning Of course the doubling and thribbling does not apply to the consolation prizes which are distributed month after month and doubling and thribbling by us among women and children who don't win.

MONTHLY PRIZES THRIBBLE

ittle village of 129 inhabitants, according to the last ensus. He won the third prize of \$10.00 in November and the same again in December and then dropped out. These two monthly prizes, with the second me doubled, made \$30.00, which added to the fourth framed Prize of \$40.00, which his two-months effort stored on two monthly prizes. To him they were welcome upprises. To him they were welcome and room to tell you.

Won All This in a Three Months Try

\$350.00 Grover Hill, Ohio, May 8, 1909. scription canvassing, besides all m niums and cash commissions. ALICE WINTERS.

\$25.00 and Twice \$50.00 Make \$350.00 in Three Months

for ALICE WINTERS of Grover Hill, Ohio, as proved by her final receipt reproduced above. SHE DID NOT ENTER UNTIL. DECEMBER and dropped out at the end of February, but she won a \$25.00 PRIZE and two \$50.00 PRIZES doubled, making \$225.00 in three monthly prizes, and these brought her also the second Grand Prize of \$125.00 more at the finish on

May 8.

We venture to say that you never saw such a liberal and favorable prize offer as this one of ours, and you wonder how we can afford to double and thribble these prizes. But we can afford it as an inducement to our prize-winners to keep on trying and winning instead of dropping out after winning only one month.

This, of course, was done under our last year's offer. She did it in only three months, and as there is still four months left of our present Grand. there is still four months left of our present Grand Prize Competition, there is ample time and opportunity for anyone who enters now to equal or better Miss Winter's splendid re-sults. As stated before, there is yet time to win \$700.00 in cash prizes between now and the first day

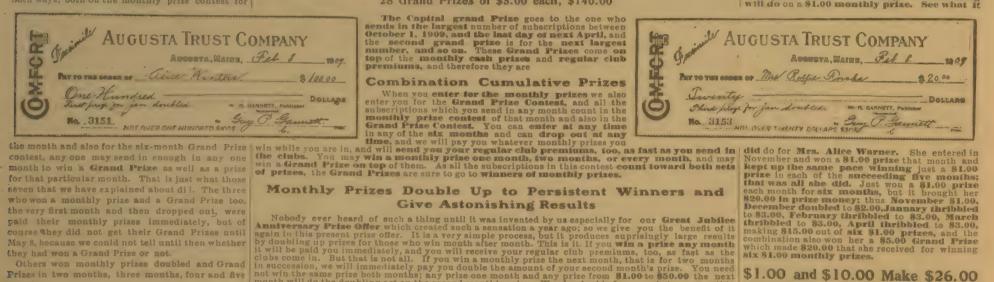
Began With a \$1.00 Prize and Worked His Winnings Up to \$139.00

The experience of Mr. C. F. Clark, of LeRoy, N. Y., shows how one creeps up from a small beginning in this prize competition. In November he won only a \$1.00 prize; in December he didn't try; in January he entered again and won a \$1.00 prize again, in February he won a \$1.00 prize again, and it being his second month we doubled it and paid him \$2.00; in March he won the third prize of \$10.00 and we doubled it paying him \$20.00; in April he won the second prize of \$25.00 and we paid him \$50.00, and the combined subscriptions which he sent in won him also the third Grand Prize of \$65.00, making \$139.00 in all that we paid him in cash besides all his premiums.

Small Prizes Easily Won Roll Up Goodly Sums

Miss Lula E. Blackman found that small prizes easily won count up. She entered in Becember and won \$1.00; in January she won a \$1.00 prize which we doubled for her; in February she again won a \$1.00 prize which we thribbled and paid her \$3.00, making \$6.00 that we paid her for winning only three \$1.00 prizes; in March she won the fourth prize of \$5.00 which we doubled to \$10.00; April she dropped back again to a \$1.00 prize, which we doubled for her, and also paid her the sixth Grand Prize of \$10.00, making \$28.00 that we paid her for winning one \$5.00 and four \$1.00 monthly prizes.

But just see what the doubling and thribbling will do on a \$1.00 monthly prize. See what it





\$1.00 and \$10.00 Make \$26.00

for MRS. ROLLIE FORSHA of Blairsville, Pa. She won a \$1.00 PRIZE in December and the \$10.00 PRIZE in January and then dropped out for good. You don't have to WIN THE SAME PRIZE TO DOUBLE. Any monthly prize doubles the next month's prize. So we paid her \$1.00 on January 8, and \$20.00 on February 8, as shown by FACSIMILE OF HER CHECK, double her January prize, making \$21.00, and she thought she was done and out, but on May 8, we sent her \$5.00 more as a GRAND PRIZE, making \$26.00 for winning a \$1.00 and a \$10.00 monthly prize.

ENTER NOW; Win a February Prize, Perhaps Double or Thribble. Read directions with coupon on opposite page.

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An Unwilling Bride Or, The Heart's Rebellion

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 85.)

and rolls upon the table, the latter inquired:

"Who was that speaking to you at the gate,"

"Ernest Brent!"

"He returned? When did he get back?"

"I am sure I do not know. He never volunteered to tell me, and I certainly was not at liberty to inquire."

"What was the object of his visit here?"

"He came in search of Nanny. He introduced himself by name, and inquired after her, and as soon as he received the necessary directions, he set out in pursuit of her," said Clemence as she sat down to the table, and began to arrange the cups to pour out the coffee.

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"Well," said the young girl, hesitating and smiling. "I do not know how princes ought to look—no better, really I suppose, than humbler men—yet I have but one word to convey, my impression of this gentleman's appearance and address—both were—princely. I have seen no one like him in this nelphborhood."

While they were yet talking, Mott returned from her errand—alone:

"Did you see Mrs. Norriss?" asked Amy.

"Yes, ma'am, I saw her," said the privileged old domestic. "I fell in with her just at the edge of the wood. There she was—thrown herself down in the damp grass underneath the trees; and I went to her and tried to persuade her to get up; but I couldn't make no impression on her to save my life; she didn't seem to hear me, nor even to see me. I might just as well stand and palaver to a dead corpse laid."

"I hope you did not leave her there, Mott?" interrupted Amy, in dismay.

"No, ma'am, nor intend to; but just as I was debating—along of myself, as to whether I should pick her up, willy nilly, and heave her across my shoulders, and bring her home like a sack of flour, I heard something come, patapat, and up rid Mr. Ernest Brent, which I as much expected to see the Emperor of Russia as him! Will up he rid, he did, like any heymylord! and he flings himself off his horse, and drops down on his knee beside her, like any turtle-dove to its young un. And he talks to her so soft-like and respectful. not as if he thought she was mad, you know. And he calls her 'Nanny' and his 'dearest cousin,' indeed he did; and he coaxes her till she lets him lift her up and sit her upon his own horse. And then he lift his hand, and leads her off, tending to

her all the way; and she goes off with him quite like any lamb. There! what does anybody think of that, after me spending my breath, talking, and argifying and argifying, and not able to do a single thing with her!"

This was certainly a day of arrivals at Beach Cottage. Usually weeks would pass without anyone passing to or from the cottage, except Clemence, whose cheerful, kindly social disposition was the sole connecting lith between the cottage and the neighborhood around it. But this day seemed to be an exception.

While yet the little party lingered at the breakfast-table, Amy looked up, and saw the tall, thin figure of a woman in a nankeen riding-skirt, and a nankeen corded sunbonnet, in the act of dismounting from her great raw-boned white horse.

"If there isn't Miss Pegg Long!" exclaimed Amy, in no vety hospitable tone, "and I wonder how she can leave the post-office."

"Oh, this is not mall day," replied Clemence laughing, "notwithstanding which we shall have news enough." And Clemence, who, for her part was glad to see the old lady, arose to meet and welcome her.

A tall, slim, narrow-chested, stooping figure—long, fair, freckled face—prim cap, and clean, scant, fady gown, made up her personal individuality. Miss Peggy had charge of the village post-office; and her early and accurate information respecting all neighborhood affait was obtained, it was whispered by an official breach of trust; if so, however, no creature, except Miss Peggy, her hired boy and her black cat knew it. She was a great newscarrier it is true, yet she was not specially addicted to scandal. To her, news was news, whether good or bad, and so she took almost as much pleasure in exciting the wonder of her listeners by recounting the good actions or good fortune of her neighbors as the reverse.

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That \$1,300.00 Limit Undoubtedly many of the monthly prizes will be won easily and even doubled up or thribbled without much effort, as they were last year, and you will see, by looking at the list of December prize-winners printed elsewhere in this paper, that the first fifteen prize-winners last December, including all the big prizes, were paid double; but we are going to make it worth a vigorous effort to win the first \$50.00 monthly prize and keep on winning it month after month. So if the same person who won the \$50.00 prize in November and won it doubled in December, also wins the first prize each of the four succeeding months, having paid him \$50.00 for November and \$100.00 for December, we make it \$150.00 for January, raise it to \$200.00 for February, raise it again to \$250.00 for March, and wind up by paying him \$300.00 for April, which adds up to \$1,050.00 for the six months; and of course, if he captures the first prize each month he cannot help winning the Capital Grand Prize of \$250.00 also, which added to the \$1,050.00 makes the splendid sum of \$1,300.00 which we should be more than pleased to pay to any one industrious and persevering enough to win it.

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A FAIR FIELD AND NO FAVOR

We keep a strict account of all subscriptions sent in to us by each and every person who enters this great subscription prize contest so that there shall be no mistake in awarding the prizes. Each and every prize must and shall surely be paid to somebody. It makes no difference to us who wins them. We take great care to see that those who win them get them, and you will all know because we publish the names of all the prize winners.

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Look at the names and residences of the winners of the December cash prizes which we paid last month announced in this paper and notice that all the big prizes and the first eleven \$1.00 prizes were paid double. No doubt many of them will be thrabbled in January. It is good to get your name into this list.

If you won a December prize, keep up the good work and double and thribble and win a Grand Prize, too.

If you have not won yet make another try. Lots win the second month who did not do much the first conth. They keep creeping up, winning better and bigger prizes. Do it yourself. Nothing like trying, rying never was beaten. If you have not entered, enter now. February is only the fourth month, and if you need now for the first time you may yet win as much as \$550.00 in cash prizes besides all your club premiums. See how these prizes are going. Make a good, stiff try and get your share.

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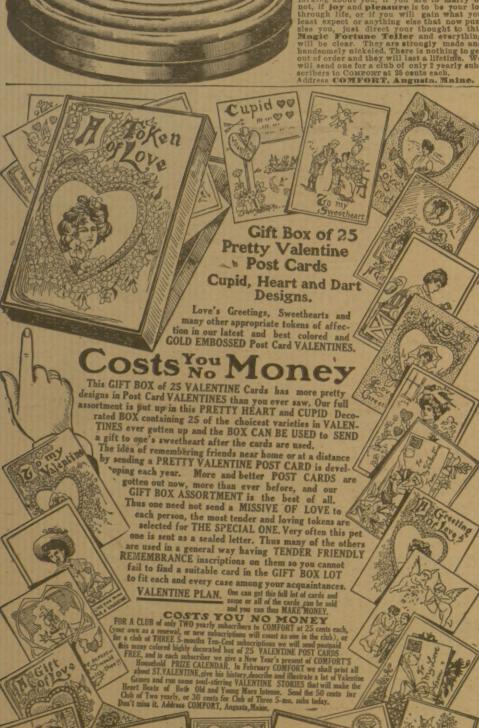
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ships are of the latest construction. Germany is increasing and building up her navy of "Dreadnaughts." Although the number of England's ships is greater than that of the United States, our navy has just built the largest and most powerful battle-ship in the world. The tonnage of the latest United States ship is twenty-two thousand, the nearest rivals being the English ships of inheteen thousand tons.

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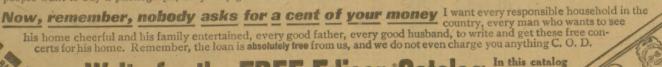
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